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2 more test positive in Guam

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>> Torres amends

uam now has five confirmed COVID-19 cases after two more individuals tested positive for the novel coronavirus yesterday, according to a press release last night from the Guam Joint Information Center.

"The preliminary investigation indicates that one of the recently confirmed cases has a familial conneccases announced on March the Guam JIC stated. 15, 2020. Today's second

unrelated case had recent travel history to the Philippines. All five confirmed cases are currently in isolation to two prior confirmed tion," the press release from

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COVID-19 Task Force to do contact tracing

By IVA MAURIN

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CNMI's COVID-19 Task Force has obtained the list of passengers of United Aircarried two of the three positive COVID-19 cases that Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero announced during an emergency press conference Sunday evening.

The goal is to track if any passengers on that flight are now in the CNMI.

of the three positive novel coronavirus cases Sunday, two of whom flew in from

the Philippines morning of Feb. 29 via that flight, signaled alarm and panic all across the CNMI over the weekend.

"We have obtained the lines flight UA189, which list and we are going to be able to make sure that we do that tracking," Commonwealth Health Care Corp. chief executive officer and COVID-19 Task Force member Esther L. Muña said in an interview.

While there are three in Guam, there are currently Guam's announcement no cases in the CNMI.

> According to Muña, the task force is working on See TRACING on Page 4



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Local

Manglona limits District Court access, reduces operations

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has issued an order limiting access to the courthouse and reducing court's operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Manglona issued the order late afternoon Monday in recognizing that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precaution to reduce the possibility of exposure to the

COVID-19 virus and to help stop the spread of the virus, and that President Trump has declared a national public health emergency.

Manglona said in issuing this order, she Manglona has weighed the right of public access to the court

against the need to protect the health and safety of the public. The judge said until there has



been a determination that these restrictions are no longer necessary, court security will deny entry into the courthouse:

■ If you have traveled outside the CNMI within the last 14 days.

■ Or if you have had close contact with someone who has traveled outside of the CNMI within the last 14 days.

■ Or if you've been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency.

■ Or if you've been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Or if you have had a fever, dry cough, shortness of breath or flu symptoms within the last 72 hours.

Manglona said individuals prevented from entering the building will be provided contact information for the court and all tenants of the courthouse so that they may attempt to conduct their business by phone or other remote means.

Manglona limited court proceedings until April 26, 2020.

She ordered that all scheduled civil and criminal jury selections and jury trials are continued pending further court's order.

Manglona said all grand jury proceedings are continues unless otherwise she ordered.

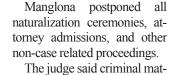
However, she said, the U.S. Attorney may request to schedule grand jury proceedings for emergency or essential matters.

She said the schedule for all other civil and criminal hearings will be determined on a case by case basis by the presiding judge in the matter.

Manglona said due to the court's reduced ability to empanel jurors during this public health response, the time period of the continuance implemented by this order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act.

Manglona said she finds that the ends of justice served by ordering these continuances outweigh the best interest of the public and each defendant's right to speedy indictment or trial.

She said the court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant.



The judge said criminal matters, such as initial appearances, arraignments and detention hearings will continue as scheduled without restriction.

Until April 26, 2020, the clerk's office will be open to the public for limited hours with reduced staffing on Mondays through Fridays from 8am until 12pm, except legal holidays, beginning yesterday.

Manglona said business with the clerk's office should be conducted by telephone and email to the extent possible.

"Unless pre-payment is required, such as for new cases and petitions, any document that cannot be submitted by CM/ECF should be emailed to qcclerks@nmid.uscourts. gov," she said.

The judge said all requests for court documents, including summons, subpoenas, and federal records clearances, should be made by email to qcclerks@ nmid.uscourts.gov.

Manglona said payments should be submitted by mail with postmarks indicating date of submission, but do not mail cash.

She said checks or money orders must be made out to "Clerk, U.S. District Court" and mailed to P.O. Box 500687, Saipan, MP 96950.

The CM/ECF electronic filing system is unaffected by Manglona's order and will remain online.

For this reason, Manglona said, the clerk's office will be operating by telework on Monday through Friday from 1pm to 5pm. (Ferdie De La Torre)



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AG warns against price gouging

The Office of the Attorney General has received increasing number of complaints against business establishments in the CNMI for price gouging as a result of the CO-VID-19 emergency.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan warns retailers that the Consumer Protection Act makes it unlawful for any

business to engage in price gouging following a state of emergency. The attorney general explains, "price gouging occurs when a business increases prices based on the shortage of goods



added, "the Office of the Attorney General will prosecute, both criminally and civilly, any business that engages in price gouging."

"If consumers notice price gouging occurring, they

gouging occurring, they should submit complaint forms that are available on our website www.cnmioag. org under the Consumer Counsel section or via email by sending a request to consumer_counsel@cnmioag. org," the attorney general stated. "Consumers may also contact the Attorney General

Investigative Division Hotline at 237-7627 or submit a complaint through the OAG website at www.cnmioag. org/hotline," added the Attorney General.

The governor declared a price freeze pursuant to the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act on March 5, 2020, which will be in effect until

he rescinds all declarations of emergency, disaster or price freeze.

It is illegal for any person or business to raise the price of any items while a price freeze is in effect. A viola-

tion of the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act is punishable by a \$10,000 fine and one year of imprisonment for each violation.

The price of the following items are frozen:

- 1. Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, natural gas, and all other chemical fuels, whether in gaseous, liquid, or solid form;
- 2. All foods and foodstuffs, including water, bottled water, beverages, and ice:
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- 7. Tools typically used for construction, ground clearing, or home repairs, whether electrically powered, chemically powered, or manual, including, but not limited to, saws, machetes, hammers, drills, shovels, rakes, and brooms;
- 8. All bedding items, including pillows, futons and blankets;
- 9. All medicines, medical equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE), including but not limited to masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers;

10. All housing rentals including apartments and condominiums.

Consumers should save all receipts, invoices, and other documents related to price gouging. When submitting a complaint to the Office of the Attorney General, consumers should submit copies of any supporting documents and retain the originals for their own records. (PR)



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Settlement Fund to close March 18-20

The Settlement Fund office will be closed on Wednesday, March 18, to Friday, March 20, 2020, in light of the state of public health emergency and continued state of significant emergency concerning the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fund will resume its operations on Monday, March 23, 2020, and will be available to assist members only by telephone, fax, or email between 8am and 5pm, Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 670) 322-3863, fax (670) 664-8080, or email: info@nmisf.com. (PR)

MLSC closed until March 31

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be closed for two weeks from March 18 to 31. While some staff may come in to the office during that time, we will not be open to the public. We believe this step is important because the COVID-19 virus is spreading in our region and extreme precautionary measures are being called for to slow the spread and "flatten the curve" of the pandemic. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has urged everyone to stay home for two weeks and has closed down non-essential government work. The Marianas Office of MLSC believes it is important to participate in the attempt to slow the spread of the epidemic by closing and limiting contact with others. We apologize for the inconvenience. (PR)

Bank of Guam announces limited operations

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam announces that effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Hagatna and Upper Tumon Branches will open from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday, closed Saturdays. All other Guam branches will be closed.

In the CNMI, the bank's Garapan, Rota, and Tinian branches will remain open from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday and closed Saturdays. The Chalan Piao facility will be closed.

San Francisco, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands Branches will keep normal operating hours. These operational hours will remain in effect until further notice.

Joaquin P.L.G. Cook, Bank of Guam president and CEO stated, "We recognize that doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 requires us to make changes to the way we do business today. Because of this we have decided to take the necessary steps to put our people and our community first. This means that we will begin to scale down our operations to help support social distancing measures and to ultimately reduce transmission of this virus.'

He went on to say, "Over the decades, our Bank of Guam family has been faced with numerous challenges. We remain inspired by the resilience of our communities and how we emerge stronger. With your

help and support, we will persevere through this. We are the people's bank and we are in this together."

For additional information, contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258. **(PR)**

Women's Mini Expo and CNMI Women's Summit postponed

Because of the COVID-19 problem, the CNMI Women's Association and the Women's Affairs Office would like to inform the general public that the Annual Women's Mini Expo and the CNMI Women's Summit, scheduled for March 24 and March 27, respectively, have been postponed until further notice.

For questions or concerns you may have, contact us at 233-8978/9411 or cwa.fogumoro@ gmail.com. (PR)

JKPL and Bookmobile **Outreach Services closed** until further notice

As per Executive Order No. 2020-04, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and the Bookmobile Outreach Services will be closed until further notice to protect the health and safety of our community and staff. All library materials due during our closure will be waived. All programs and events will be canceled/ postponed until further notice. The library recommends that patrons who have overdue materials to hold onto such materials until such time as the closure is lifted. Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and understanding.

for 14 days.

The CNMI Office of the Governor yesterday released the Amended Executive Order 2020-04, directing all persons traveling into the Commonwealth, from a country with an identified COVID-19 outbreak, to exercise self-quarantine for 14 consecutive days as prescribed by the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

Torres signed the original EO Monday, placing the CNMI under the State of Public Health Emergency and under a continued

"These individuals will be enrolled in the CHCC COVID-19 text-based illness monitoring system and will be subject to moniper their surveillance protocols,"

"Failure to comply with CHCC self-quarantine protocol will subject the person to an order of isolation and quarantine."

rival will be permitted to depart

CHCC is directed to coordinate with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, CNMI Customs Service, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and key local and federal government agency, to develop and implement protocols, quarantine measures and other increased monitoring and controls at the Commonwealth airports and seaports, as to all COVID-19.

health issue management.

The TIM system is currently being used to monitor the participants of the recently-concluded Saipan Marathon, during the marathon and after their departure from the CNMI for a 14-day monitoring.

The Amended Executive Order 2020-04, which will remain in effect for 30 days or until terminated by the governor, places the CNMI government under a two-week shutdown. Activities with over 50 people are prohibited, 6 feet social distancing is recommended, and a travel ban unless for health reasons remains

For the latest news and events, please visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib. org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page @joetenkiyupubliclibrary and Instagram @joetenkiyupubliclibrary. Sign up today for our free e-newsletter by emailing cnmistatelibrary@gmail.com. (PR)

HSC-25 to conduct training in Radio Barrigada, open ocean

ASAN, Guam—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 will conduct exercises in Radio Barrigada from 11:30am to 11:55pm on March 19.

Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with this training.

HSC-25 will also hold open ocean training from 6:30am to 11:55pm on March 19. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear 3 nautical miles from the following coordinates: 13 26"N/145 08"E, 13°42"N/144°36"E.

Mariners are advised to moni-

tor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

These trainings support readiness and are critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free, and open Indo-Pacific.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at CJRMPAO@ fe.navy.mil. (PR)

PTAC cancels remaining workshops in March

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) has cancelled our remaining workshops for March 2020 and Guam PTAC staff will be working remotely for the next 14 days.

If you need assistance with anything related to government contracting, please contact the Guam PTAC via phone or email.

Our contact information is listed on our website, www.guamptac. com. You can also reach us on Facebook, Linked-In, and Instagram. *(PR)*

TRACING

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mitigating and ensuring that the local population is not exposed to the virus.

We are going to try, as much as possible, to protect everyone, and ensure that [everyone has] access to quarantine, and to ensure that we can contain this problem, and it doesn't get any worse than it is now."

'We are in a situation where it is still scary. However, there's the risk of what to do. There's certain steps that we got to take, we got to do contact tracing. We've got to figure out who has traveled, and try to avoid the problem to get any worse," Muña added.

The task force also remains in communication with Guam so that specimens CHCC would be sending remains a priority, given Guam's need to address their specimens too.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has also contacted the Guam Gov. Lou A. Leon Guerrero, and attested that working with Guam has been easy as they understand CNMI's priorities.

"At this point, I think there's only a handful of specimens that has been sent. We're hoping that that number maintains a low number. Unfortunately, we have to expect to have a greater number of samples," Torres cautioned.

"Since Jan. 1, we've been moving forward in the anticipation of having someone on island. We've been low risk, but we've been treating this virus as high risk."

Last Monday, to further strengthen efforts to protect the health and safety of children, senior citizens, businesses, residents, and visitors on the islands, Torres signed Executive Order 20-04 placing the CNMI under the State of Public Health Emergency, and under the continuing State of Significant Emergency.

RESIDENTS

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A source from a large supermarket on Saipan, who agreed to talk under anonymity, stated that in a meeting they recently had, they have run out of paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizers, and cleaning products in general.

He added that if people are interested, the store he is working at still has frozen foods and other food stuff that are available since that's what's worth stocking up on.

A community member, who agreed to talk under anonymity, is concerned about the older people and those who have weak immune systems. She added that there's no need to buy in bulk, especially with toilet paper, cleaning wipes, and hand sanitizers.

"It isn't needed, and in order to prevent the virus from spreading, we need to buy what's enough for our family and leave some for other people who really do need it," she said. In addition, she stated that we are a small island with limited resources, and people should think twice about buying more than what is enough.

In addition, a leading water company on Saipan is no longer doing any deliveries at this time.

In a press conference last March 11, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, commented on this situation and said that there won't be any shortage of food and other non-food items as all shipments will be shipped as scheduled.

"The shipments continue to come in, maybe not in the same way as last year, but shipments do come in," he said.

Although Torres does not agree or disagree with buying products in bulk, he asked shoppers, however, to remember to leave some for other people who also need it.

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The Guam JIC added that Guam Department of Public Health and

Social Services tested 20 individuals for COVID-19 on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Two tested positive, and 18 tested negative for novel coronavirus. In the CNMI, Gov. Ralph DLG

Torres also amended his executive order placing the CNMI under a State of Significant Emergency and State of Public Health Emergency by directing anyone traveling into the CNMI to selfquarantine for 14 days.

46 tested in Guam

Guam JIC said a total of 46 tests were performed from March 12, 2020 through March 17, 2020. To date, a total of five cases tested positive and 41 cases tested negative for COVID-19. It is important to note that the spread of COVID-19 is a dynamic situation and information may change as it develops.

The government of Guam continues to aggressively implement its response to prevent and contain transmission of COVID-19 in Guam. DPHSS has been actively conducting contact tracing for the first three positive COVID-19 cases identified on Sunday, and has also launched contact inves-

tigations for the latest confirmed cases. The contact tracing investigation includes identifying close contacts of the individuals. Close contacts will be quarantined and actively monitored by DPHSS

Amended EO

This includes Guam, Hawaii, and the continental United States.

State of Significant Emergency.

toring and follow up with CHCC the amended directive states.

Travelers, including pilots and flight crew, with return flights within less than 14 days of arthe CNMI.

arriving travelers, passengers and cargo for screening for CHCC monitors suspected or confirmed cases through Center for Disease Control and Prevention's text-based illness monitoring system that the CDC uses for

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McDonald's celebrating 27 years on Saipan



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oday is a big day for McDonald's on Saipan as they celebrate 27 years of quality service and offering great tasting menu. President and owner Jose "Joe" C. Ayuyu acquired the franchise in 1993 and built the first McDonald's restaurant in Chalan Laulau in the same year. Three years later, another McDonald's restaurant opened in Garapan.

Six years ago, Joe Ayuyu's wife, Marcia "Ruri" Ayuyu came on board as owner and operator of McDonald's restaurants

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BEA CABRERA

A check donation given by McDonald's owner/operator Marcia "Ruri" Ayuyu for the benefit of the *man'amko* is just one of the outreach and community activities that McDonald's regularly get involved with



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and currently managing 120 employees on Saipan. With this husband-and-wife team at the helm, McDonald's commitment to the business and heart for the community remained strong.

Every year, McDonald's recognizes all its employees for their dedication and hard work. This is an annual event because the Ayuyus credit a large portion of McDonald's success to its employees. "They are just not employees. ...we treat them as they are part of our family and they motivate me," Marcia Ayuyu said.

McDonald's Saipan over the years has grown more than a mere fast food chain. It has taken steps to become more involved in the community as a facet to its social responsibility.

They assist and support sports and athletics events, youth development, *man'amko*, foundations, partnerships with the Public School System, educational entities, promotion of human welfare, working with other social organizations, and environmental protection.

Two years ago, the vision of McDonald's Saipan to support environmental stewardship and spreading environmental protection came to fruition when they moved in the direction to develop ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle at its restaurants. Packaging was changed to plastic and Styrofoam to recyclable paper bags, paper cups, and burger containers like the Big Mac box.

The company has also participated in coastal clean-ups and has adopted several bus shelters on Saipan that they maintain regularly.

According to McDonald's executive assistant to the president Natalie Mable A. Glenn, due to the challenging times, any planned outreach or activities for the second quarter and beyond will be "on-hold" right now. "Part of our continued service to peo-

ple of Saipan, McDonald's is continuously monitoring news shared by Centers For Disease Control and prioritizing a system surrounding COVID-19. Our customers' safety and well-being remain our highest priority and we are committed in safeguarding our people and customers during this time," she said.

"For 27 years, McDonald's values of quality, service, and cleanliness have endured and today the same commitment and restaurant standards guides all our actions. We are one with the government and other businesses in safeguarding our people and customers during this outbreak. We are emphasizing social distancing within our restaurant and encourage customers to utilize our drive-thru because the McDonald's Saipan that you know and love is safe and delicious as ever," she added

To celebrate McDonald's 27th year even further, look out for their amazing deals for limited time only starting with breakfast. Enjoy breakfast with "2 for only \$5" and choose among sausage McMuffin with egg, bacon, egg and cheese McGriddles and bacon, egg and cheese biscuit.

Go for a quick snack and grab a 10-piece chicken McNuggets for only \$2 and caramel sundae for only 99c.

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DOL hosts COVID-19 response workshop

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly_bautista@saipantribune.com RPEORTER

The CNMI Department of Labor last week hosted its first workshop catered to disseminating COVID-19 related information to employers as a response to the recent virus outbreak.

In an interview with Eugene Tebuteb, DOL director of Employment Services, the workshop held last week was more of an informational workshop to disseminate information regarding COVID 19.

"It's really about how we can help each other at this time and to give out more information for employees who are affected by COVID-19 through layoffs or having a reduction of work hours," he said.

Tebuteb explained that the workshop is directed toward the business community, specifically employers.

"We've invited our business community to join us, we have a lot of information to disseminate and we're mainly focusing on topics such as our local labor regulations and, CW-1 regulations, the job trends that we see out there, and that because we're responding to the impact of COVID-19. We're beginning to see layoffs from certain companies so we wanted to sort of reach out to the employers and give them the information that they need

The guest speakers of the

right now," Tebuteb said.

workshop were Gloria Cavanagh of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Esther Muña of the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

Tebuteb said Cavanagh was invited to discuss COV-ID-19's severe impact on the CNMI's hotel occupancy rate since the outbreak.

"Gloria mainly talked about the hotel pccupancy rates and how they are diminishing, but I think the central theme here is although we are experiencing these impacts from CO-VID19, we're keeping our hopes intact so we can combat it that way," he said.

Muña, on the other hand, briefly discussed the countermeasures CHCC has taken in preparation of COVID-19.

"Esther talked briefly about COVID-19 and the countermeasures we can take so we can avoid having the COVID19 and all of that. She also provided us with updates worldwide regarding COVID19," he said.

Tebuteb said that this is the first time DOL has done such

a workshop as a response to a virus outbreak however, DOL has sponsored clinics in the past to disseminate information regarding other major situations that affect the Marianas.

"It's basically an info session where we reach out to employers regarding any of the current events no matter what it may be. Several months ago or probably a year ago, we talked about CW-1 regulations and how that affected workforce and now we're discussing COVID-19. Stay strong CNMI, we're going to have to be more resilient, like we've always been," he said

2020 CNMI-wide STEM Fair sees largest number of participants

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The 2020 CNMI wide STEM Fair saw its largest number of participants with over 170 participants from all grade levels.

Marianas High School hosted the 2020 CNMI Public School System Island Wide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fair last Saturday with a total of 179 participants.

However, PSS has banned interscholastic travel due to the recent outbreak of CO-VID19 so winners may not be able to participate in the regional Island Sustainability Conference.

MHS took the win for the

fourth year in a row in the Green Dream Competition, besting Saipan Southern High School, who took second place, and Agape Christian School who took third.

In the High School Research category, SSHS' Iris Lee took first with her stroll to Tinian project, followed by Shoyu Du of Agape who did a project on Plants and Maggots, and completing the top 3 was Hannali Nerizon from Rota High School for her Acid Rain project.

For High School Sciences, Rota High School's Shaniyah Cabrera took first place for her project on reusing plastic, followed by Jun You from Grace Christian Academy who did a

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project on filtration, and completing the top 3 was Mount Carmel School's Kyla Cabrera for her project on fats found in snacks.

For Middle School Sciences, Sinapalo Elementary School's Rianna Barcinas took first place for her project on animal manners, followed by Rota High School's Tammy Fernandez who placed second with her coral bleaching project. Following close behind at third was Rota High's Éclair Ladao for her project on sweets.

For the third to fifth grade research, Keeff Matando took first place with his project on therapeutic class boards, followed by Piper Christian for his project on ocean water. At third place was George Vinuya for his project on conductivity.

For the Kindergarten to second grade category, Sophia Smith of Brilliant Star School took first place for her hydroponics project with GCA's En Mei Huang taking second for his project on earthquakes. Julia Samantha's project on mini generators won her third place.

For the paper plane competition, Garapan Elementary School's Carl Hocog took home first place, followed by Koblerville Elementary School's Jared Saures, and at third place was Kagman Elementary School's Christopher Tagabuel.

Businesswoman of the Year Gala postponed

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The event will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Maureen N. Maratita, publisher of *Guam Business Magazine*, said, "I would like to thank our 2020 Nominees for graciously accepting their nominations, and we look forward to honoring

them in the coming months.

"It's important that we all focus on the realities of CO-VID-19 right now.

"I would also like to recognize the overwhelming support we have received from the communities in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands for this program for the past 14 years."

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We knew coronavirus would pop up in more places, and we all also know what to do

ith news breaking seemingly by the hour of a new cancellation, a new emergency declaration or a new confirmed case of the coronavirus, it's important to remember three things about this pandemic that will determine how the next several months play out for our communities and country as a whole.

The first thing to remember is that we knew this would spread. This coronavirus is contagious and people who have it are able to spread it to others even before they feel sick. So while it was news that Tom Hanks and his wife the actress Rita Wilson have contracted coronavirus, it really shouldn't be surprising. It's of interest that the first lady of Canada, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, has also tested positive for coronavirus. After all, with her condition the prime minister of a neighboring nation will now quarantine himself (or at least limit his contact as much as is possible for the leader of country).

Each of these people — as well as thousands of others and tens of thousands of people who have been exposed and are waiting to see if they have contracted the disease — are taking appropriate steps. They are quarantining themselves. They are limiting contact. They are avoiding loved ones and co-workers. While some people might be irresponsible and risk exposing others (there are stories of "super spreaders"), how we act if we know we've been exposed is up to us. We all have an opportunity and a responsibility to lead.

That brings us to the second point. As this virus runs its course, each of us can do our part to slow its spread. We can do that by maintaining appropriate social distance from other people. We can wash our hands frequently. We can get sleep, eat well and otherwise practice self-care so as to be less likely to be susceptible to anything. All of that is smart behavior in flu season, in cold season, in any period of time so as to promote our own health.

And the third thing all of us need to remember is to remain calm. Take an inventory of what you have at home and buy what you need, but panic shopping won't help anyone. In fact, we will get through this. A lot of smart people are working on solving any logistical problems that might exist and they are keenly aware of what communities need for daily life to go on. What you can do is display kindness to those around you, make smart and rational decisions and realize that acting irrationally will only exacerbate any problems that do exist.

Coronavirus has interrupted all of our daily routines. Don't let it also intrude on your character. It is the strength of the American character that is the best defense and that will enable us to hold our heads up high in the end, because this too shall pass.

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Pipinu' Na Sagu!

nteru i tanu` katma yan silensiu pot hinatme pipinu` na sagu ni mafanana`an "coronavirus". Lamegai mandimalas ginen este na pesti entalu` Uropa yan Asia. Gi mismu tiempu, si Presiente Trump ha deklara emerensia para uma-atetuye ma-atahan pesti.

I chenut hana` bula hanum i gofes `nai linimus i tautau estake dimalas. Ayu mas man-sinapet i man-amku` piot ya mangai chinatsaga hinemlu`. Makat na pesti.

Mauleg sa' taya' nu este na pesti guine. Puede umahnanau tiha fatoigue hit. Manadan nasion giya Uropa man-mahuchum operasion gobietnu yan eskuela siha pot megai na tautau man-tinatme.

Ti hoñgiyun na dikiki` virus muna` dimu enteru elmundu. Puede masoda` amotña este na pesti. I mediku siha pa`gu matutuhun estudiun haf` tutuhoña i pesti. Dios mihu! Estake para umasoda`e amot kase lamegai man-dimalas.

Pot chaleg: Ilegña si Magu na guaha amot finatinasña. Era, para tana` loglug hagun biñga` talisai sa` areglau ti u finatoigue hit i chenut. Po`lu ya bai chage hagun lada `sino flores tamantiget!

Maribaha: Guine, anog na tumunug lokue` fondu gi kaha. Ni dibin gobietnu kandet (kase \$34 miyon) ti ma-apapase. Indikasioin na menus fuetsan kaha para nesessidat siha.

Gaige i finatsu gi maribahan ekonomian globus ti diskuidun ginen halum. Maila` tana` guaha pinasensia yan hinimiddi gi kinalamten tautau-ta siha. Manlibre hit gi man-ma`pus siha na malakondision. Kontodu este siempre u falofan.

"Ekonomia": Guaha `nai huhuñgug tautau-ta mañguentus pot chinatsaga `nai mamente baban "ekonomia". I sapet gaige tutuhoña gi halum guma` familia. Señat na tinahuñg salape` gi moneda para nesessidat mantension.

Poresu na `an mañguentus i tautau-ta pot este na chinatsaga hu komprende pot malofan-yu` lokue` guine na kañada antes.

I asuntu mapega gi kanai 31 ni manma-elihe pot siha manmanhula' para uma-adelanta kualidat linala' tautau-ta siha guine. Haf' i asuntu ni dumiteni pinetsigen este na attikulu? Haf' ya sessu hamyu man-nahguñg gi barandan "not yet, already!"

Pisu: Huñgan dinetetmimina este na asuntu ni ekonomian i tanu`. Ni achog este, haf` esta in` petsige para u mas homlu` yan fitme pisun ekonomia guine? Gi katkuet birada debi in` eppi i kuestion siha.

Fuera de dikiki` na industrian bisita haf` otru patte gi ekonomia ni siña in` petsige kumu katsu para `an matompu` i primera industria taimanu` i masusesede pa`gu? Kumu manpara hamyu man-magap ileghu na in` seda` propiu ineppe guine na asuntu!

Kanta: Un` kanta ha botleleha i natibu na `nai mali`e salape` man-malefa ni kustumbre. Na ti magahet na mafachochu`e kepblen niha para diariu na mantension familia?

Malefa hau na i natibu malag i moseria pot inaligau moneda

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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para nesessidat? Mampus na`tatah `nai un` pega i asuntu. Kontodu kantamu inipus hinassun patgon.

Yangin para un` chanda inaligau salape` pues mauleg hagu mismu fanu`e ham na usun kama, kuha yan manchete nahuñg para mantension nesessidat familia. Huñgan, matulaika i tiempu gi hilu` inadahe gi linala` tautau-ta siha. Ti kaprechun diskuidu hinanau empleau natibu siha.

I atkilon tanu` familia ti mana`e i riku soluke ma-atkila. Disposision fondu ginen este gaige gi dos amku`. Muñga mafama i suspechomu `nai ni hagu ti un` konfitma na faktu!

Sagu: Ha faisenyu` si Magu haf `ste i coronavirus. Hu esplika na un` sagu `nai hinatme i goffes hanum ya guaha `nai dimalas i malañgu. Makat na chenut pot kontra gofes.

Tai amot i chenut mientras sige i mediku ma-aligau satbasioña. Ma-a'atan na kase tinaka' dos añus estake umasoda' amotña este na pesti. Mansuette hit sa' taya' este na pesti guine.

Mauleg na disision mapetsige 'nai mana' para bisita siha ginen China, Taiwan, Hong Kong yan nasion siha gi oriya 'nai gaige i chenut. Puti, makat yan pipinu' na pesti!

Chaleg: Sige si Magu chaka chalegña na mauleg este na sagu i coconavirus. "Manu 'nai un'soda' estaha' guaha koronamu para 'an dimalas hau?" Esta tutuhu' lago'ña ni mañge' chalegña!

Fotte pot ha punu` fuñgsion gofes i tautau. Hombre otdinariu na sagu sapet gi man-amku` yan famaguon. Mit grasias pot taya` este na pesti guine!

Niyug: Manhoka-yu` niyug gi lugat un` che`lu para bai saibog suetteghu sunen agaga`. Hana` hahassuyu` `nai abundansia antes gi hagas gualu` mame Tagpochau este na `aggun haya. Un` sune na ti presisu-yu` totche. Ti mahñau huna` lagun appan.

Mafanana'an "aggun haya" tat kumu sune, choda, mendioka yan kamute ni ma'ug gi estomaguta. Mauleg 'an siña i familia mananum gi tatten guma'. Ti u fan gagau na'ña lau gaige listu para usun familia.

Hu po'lu i otru niyug para 'an suette-yu' hiyug, lililug, 'sino aliliñg. Paire na katdu ke añglu' na inaflitun Kentucky Fried Chicken! Hagas usun mame gi gima' Lali Fo'.

Hospitat: Pot inipus machalapun i sagun "coronavirus" na todu hospitat gi enteru estadu siha matutuhun man-ma-aregla para u kubre i manadan man-malañgu. Ni achog umachogue tinahuñg kuattu `an megai mantinatme hu este na sagu.

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Coronavirus stressing you out? Here's how to cope

recently returned from Zambia, where I am leading a study focused on implementing strategies to build leaders and scale up treatments known to be effective for coping with the mental health effects of violence and substance use. But like everywhere in the world, coronavirus was a major topic of discussion.

Soon after returning home, I was talking with a group of neighbors who know I work on global health issues and were eager for my take on COVID-19.

As I was offering insights from infectious disease experts, one woman quietly excused herself. She said the conversation was making her anxious. I felt terrible, especially because my work is focused on the mental health impacts of traumatic events.

Considerable attention today is rightly focused on the clinical course of a coronavirus infection and how it can vary from the mild to the severe. The pandemic is having something of a parallel impact on mental health: some are taking it in stride, while for others the stress is significant. Most of us will be somewhere in the middle.

Here are a few suggestions for managing COVID-19 risks to our mental health that can be adopted alongside efforts like social distancing to manage disease transmission.

1. Limit intake of media: It's a human phenomenon that many of us are unable to stop constantly watching a disaster unfold — even though we may want to look away. Try to limit your coronavirus check-ins to three or four a day, and preferably with a direct source like cdc.gov, rather than social media or television news channels. Each time you look, set a timer on your phone for five to 10 minutes and commit to tuning

out after the allotted time. These daily check-ins, especially if you stick with credible sources, will keep you up-to-date on important developments and the latest recommendations from health authorities.

- 2. Anchor yourself in daily routines: Try to keep your day focused on other tasks, goals or activities. If this is challenging, start your day by writing down a list of priorities for the morning, afternoon and evening. Put some objective goals you can accomplish within a set time frame. Sometimes even mundane tasks can have a grounding effect that help us keep things in perspective and avoid a spiral into escalating levels of anxiety.
- 3. Do things that bring you happiness or pleasure: Despite restrictions on certain activities and gatherings, this is still an especially important time to seek out things that bring you pleasure. Play with your pets or children. Cook, garden, read (something other than coronavirus news!) and exercise. Even binge-watching Netflix can be a healthy habit in these challenging times. There is evidence that engaging in DOING things you like has a positive effect on your neurochemistry in ways that help ameliorate stress and anxiety.
- 4. Reality-test your thought patterns: The thought patterns circulating through our minds are intricately connected to how we feel and act. Now is a good time to step back and consider what's trending with our internal narratives. For example, what if my constant thought is "This is bad! What is this world coming to?" Not surprisingly, my emotions will more likely skew to significant anxiety. My behaviors also will be less productive, like obsessively watching TV, pacing and

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perhaps purchasing enough food to last years. If I focus on changing the thought channel to more helpful programming that includes thoughts like, "There are many capable people working on this. We will get through this," my body will respond by dialing down the anxiety and stress. These feelings are unlikely to disappear, but they should subside sufficiently so I can focus on playing a board game with my 10-year-old for 30 minutes or concentrating on a work-related task.

Anxiety and stress are normal even in the absence of a pandemic. And clearly they are likely to intensify in such a moment as we are now experiencing. But there are approaches and behaviors that can be effective in managing them and preventing fear from becoming incapacitating.

It's especially important for all of our society's leaders — from the business, government, public health and medical sectors, to parents, families and teachers — to adopt calming strategies, as that they can, in turn, project calm that can be of enormous benefit for their constituents, team members, employees families and students.

As coronavirus cancels classes, a modest proposal for keeping kids busy: Hard labor

arents able to work from home during the coronavirus pandemic will experience an interesting new wrinkle this week: children.

These smaller roommates, because of school clo-

These smaller roommates, because of school closures in a growing number of cities and states across the country, will be underfoot for the foreseeable future. They'll be engaged at least part of the time with some form of e-learning, but the odds of that keeping them at bay throughout the regular adulthuman workday are slim to none.

Additionally, the coronavirus has caused everything to be canceled There are no after-school activities, school sports, plays, concerts, recitals, amusement parks or playdates.

Now don't get me wrong, I like children. I even helped make some. But anyone who has tried to work from home with kids around will tell you it's tricky, largely because they clamor for unnecessary things such as attention and food and nurturing while you just want to be left alone to carry out your drab, wretched existence.

To help better the lives of all working parents in the coming weeks, I've researched productive ways to keep children entertained. There's ample new-age blah-blah out there about finding brain-stimulating projects for them to work on, but we all know those activities lead to millions of annoying questions and various forms of hot-glue-gun injuries.

So I took a look back — way back — and gained valuable perspective from our forebears. I knew I was onto something when I read the following sentence: "Children in the Middle Ages were seen as useless."

"Go on ..." I thought.

Turns out "useless" might be too strong a term. Children in an agrarian society were viewed with pragmatism, handy helpers who could do farm work and household chores. Move on to early American settlements and the character-building exploitation of youth continued.

According to a summary of "the role of children on an 18th-century Virginia farm" by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation: "Children began working on the farm at a very young age. They were given simple tasks such as sweeping, washing dish-

es, feeding chickens and other poultry, collecting eggs, picking and stringing vegetables for drying, topping the tobacco (removing the flowers to encourage the leaves to grow bigger), and picking tobacco worms off of plants."

Fantastic. I have no idea why it took me so long to realize I could have my children picking tobacco worms off plants instead of playing video games.

Fast forward to the industrial revolution and the ideas for keeping kids busy really start to expand.

A 2017 article in the Bureau of Labor Statistics publication Monthly Labor Review — I read it mainly for the erotic consumer price index charts — explained that in 1575, "England provided for the use of public money to employ children in order to "accustom them to labor" and "afford a prophylactic against vagabonds and paupers."

As the coronavirus pandemic holds up American life, the last thing we want is for our idle children to become vagabonds and/or paupers.

The article continued: "The growth of manufacturing, however, provided the greatest opportunity for society to avoid the perceived problem of the idle child. ... For example, one industrialist in 1790 proposed building textile factories around London to employ children to 'prevent the habitual idleness and degeneracy' that were destroying the community. With the advances in machinery, not only could society avoid the issue of unproductive children, but also the children themselves could easily create productive output with only their rudimentary skills."

My children absolutely have rudimentary skills, and I would love to prevent them from degeneracy!

So the answer to keeping our children occupied during this pandemic is simple: Put them to work.

This will require some initial effort on the part of parents, given that few in the Chicago area live on a farm or have easy access to a textile mill.

But believe me, it's doable. I spent the weekend preparing a coal mine in the backyard, and already my kids are busy as bees, working long, inflexible hours carrying grease buckets

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down into the mine while being careful not to get maimed by coal cars.

A few other fun ways to immerse your children in a world of hard labor — "Who wants to play Pauper Apprentices?!?" — are as follows:

- 1) Declare your backyard a "working farm" and command the kids to take up the yoke and plow furrows in the field, and not to come back inside until the job is done. (You can reward them with a crust of bread.) If your yard is too small, send them to a nearby park. Or you can order livestock on Amazon, though the shipping is taking a bit longer than usual, particularly for larger items like cows.
- 2) Set up a bowling alley in the basement and have the kids work as pin boys or, in the interest of gender equity, pin girls. Just make sure the alley is smoke-filled and loud and the pin boys or girls posted along the back wall are regularly struck in the head by flying pins and yelled at while receiving a wage of \$1 per day.
- 3) Unleash the fun of being a chimney sweep! Because they're small and can fit in weird places, children have always been great for cleaning things such as chimneys, and nothing says fun quite like stuffing your bored child up a soot-covered chute with a brush and a mission.

Really, the possibilities are endless. Together, I'm sure we can work through this difficult time and ensure that the lives of our children are as miserable as our own.

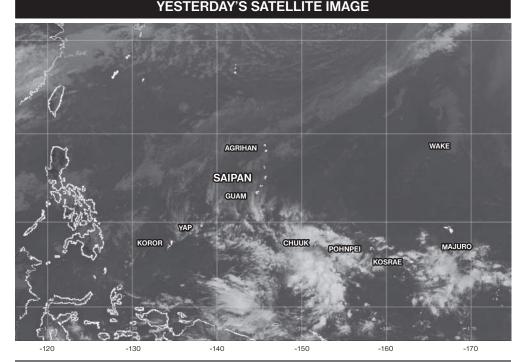
It's just good parenting.

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'Cybersecurity is imperative for CUC'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Cybersecurity is critical and imperative for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., according to CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho.

Cyberattack is obviously huge and that CUC has two staff working on program for cyber security, said Camacho in response to Rep. Luis John DLG. Castro's (R-Saipan) inquiry during a recent meeting with members of the House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications.

Camacho said right now they are trying to get a request for proposals for a contractor

five-year plan for budget purposes that will include cyber security.

Camacho said recently that CUC is integrating so many technologies into their system.

He noted, among other things, that they are doing Advanced Metering Infrastructures (AMI) on electric metering and in fact, Tinian is almost completely AMI

Camacho said they are putting up a program together where they are going to outsource services—the Information Technology aspect of the corporation.

Camacho said this will basi-

to come in and build CUC's cally start to give them a fiveyear plan to 10-year plan on platforms to build.

> "Because we don't want to build something today which is far too big to what is we have. So we want to incorporate to our infrastructure growth," he said.

Camacho said power transmission and distribution now are almost completely GIS (geographic information system).

"I mean we can literally open up layers and layer, and layers of our system and our performance and all of that again is IT. A lot of these is now exceeding our IT capabilities," he said.



ANDREA TURNS 18

Andrea Nicole Mamauag celebrated her 18th birthday last Saturday at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort. With Andrea in the photo are her mom Nida, dad Zandro, and brother Zandro Jr.

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AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & DORMITORY BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2020-X-030

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is rescheduling the public hearing for the proposed Agape Christian School and Dormitory Building along Middle Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Calvary International Mission is proposing to construct a three story building with a basement including an athlete area, office spaces, storage rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, utility rooms, classrooms and dormitories, 41 parking stalls with landscaping, and a generator room. The project will be situated on a privately leased property identified as Lot No. 012 D 70, an area of about 4,890 square meters

The public hearing for this project is rescheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 5PM, along Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan, at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Agape Christian School and Dormitory Building.

/s/ Janice E. Castro Director

Division of Coastal Resources Management



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF FUEL FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the supply and delivery of approximately 20,000,000 US gallons annually of No. 2-D S15 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The No. 2-D S15 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel shall be uniform, first quality, ultra-low sulfur type, which shall conform in all aspects to the requirements, as set forth in "Standard Specification for Diesel Fuel Oil" ASTM D975-14.

All Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The Bid Price shall remain the same throughout the term of the contract except for the variation in the MOPS and government taxes, duties and fees.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-20-001, Supply and Delivery of Fuel for Power Generation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) April 9, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract. All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

All responses to this IFB should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract, Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 24, 2020 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC-Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to CUC-Power Engineer, Venugopal Prabhakar via email address venu pabrahakar@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC-Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

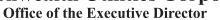
CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO **Executive Director**

MANNY BOYER SABLAN Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation





INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-20-014

LEASE OF OFFICE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY FOR CUC ROTA ADMINISTRATION & OPERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the lease of a suitable office and operations support facility for the Headquarters of CUC's Administration and Operations on the island of Rota. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed office space must comply with American Disabilities Act (ADA), DPW, OSHA and CNMI Zoning regulation

The IFB package may be obtained at the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. upon completion of registration with CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package will be emailed to the registered Proponents email ID. Prospective Proposers for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division to be considered. For registration inquiries, please email Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-20-014, Lease of Office and Operations support facility for CUC Rota Administration and Operation." to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3. Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23, 2020 at at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant

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CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

MANNY BOYER SABLAN Purchasing Administrator

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Business

Chang is a graduate

of Northern Marianas

College and pursued a

Bachelor of Fine Arts in

Graphic Design in Rhode

Island School which he

"After working in Digi-

tal Media Lab as a UX/

UI designer in Korea Uni-

Public School System. Dur-

ing my teaching experience,

I saw many students having

interest in the T-shirt busi-

ness.... I wanted to teach stu-

dents that they can financially

support themselves through

creative professions and de-

cided to open up a T-shirt de-

sign club in the school I was

"We participated at Flame

Tree Festival as a middle

school club and sold student-

designed T-shirts. This led me

to open up HOOD CNMI...

my designs are never seen,

one-of-a-kind because I cre-

ate them myself. It has a very

unique style because we mix

different cultures that reside in

the CNMI other than Cham-

orro/Carolinian so you can see

different Asian imageries jux-

was inspired by Chang's

teaching at," Chang said.

finished in 2012.

BV BEA CABRERA

CORRESPONDENT

There's a new kid in the neighborhood and it goes by the name HOOD CNMI. This new brand is proof that streetwear is our part of the CNMI's norm and lifestyle. Owner and creative director Chris Chang believes that the company's purpose is to give the Commonwealth its own streetwear identity.

"I believe where you are from makes who you are. Our pride and dignity can influence the world. The designs we create are either inspiration from the sceneries of our beautiful

tropical islands, other cultures in CNMI, or student's work... the Californian and Hawaiian streetwear such as the Hundreds have strong usage of graffiti and surf culture in their streetwear," he said

"We don't have a surf or skating culture so I wanted to create something that is hip but has an identity of our own. I utilized paddling and Carolinian dance costumes in my illustrations to show the world what kind of cultures we represent and do it in a very trendy manner so that the brand can be visually amicable worldwide," he added.

Born and raised on Saipan,



HOOD CNMI:

Where you are from makes who you are

CONRIBUTED PHOTO

This was the artwork done by the students at Saipan Southern High School's National Arts Honor Society and revised by HOOD CNMI.

close association to the islands

CONRIBUTED PHOTO HOOD CNMI boasts of exclusive and one-of-a kind handmade designs.

who is associated with our is-

lands," he added. Established in January 2020, HOOD CNMI currently offers T-shirts and Chang said that expanding to other fashion is in the works. "I believe we are nowhere near being famous compared to other fashion streetwear brands but what makes us very unique is that I hand draw all my illustrations and digitize them myself. All illustrations are exclusive and it stands out compared to other designs here," Chang said.

"I also do many collaborations with non-profit organizations mainly in education and with local businesses to promote and support local. I want to help out the student body here in the CNMI so that they

can have a future in creative fields without leaving the island. Although we don't have enough resources and aren't financially well-off yet, we try to help out students in any way using what we have," Chang added

Future plans include beefing up their online shop, bringing HOOD CNMI to DFS T Galleria, making souvenir collaborations with local businesses, and putting up

a studio that can teach students different creative skills that can later help them get jobs after graduation. "HOOD CNMI is all about unity, equality, and anti-discrimination and I wish people who wear my designs practice that," Chang said.

"I hope people who wear my products respect other cultures and consider them equally special rather than excluding them because they are different...I wish people here would be more accepting to changes and welcoming to new ideas so that our community can grow and advance," Chang added.

For more information, contact HOOD CNMI at www. hoodenmi.com Facebook: HOOD CNMI Instagram: guahu si hoodenmi and see Chang's personal portfolio www.petitechoco.com

Camacho is Bank of Guam's newest SVP

HAGATNA, Guam—The board of directors, management, and staff of the Bank of Guam are pleased to announce the appointment of Keven Camacho as senior vice president/chief sales officer.

With the Bank since 1996 as a management trainee, Camacho has spent time with the Loan Department. and has been a branch manager in Tumon, Belau and Camacho Mangilao.

In 2003, Cama-

cho became the Upper Tumon Branch manager and was then promoted to Northern Regional manager. Since 2010, Camacho has been the bank's chief lending officer, developing new business, and expanding customer relationships and markets.

Camacho graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School and received a B.S. in Finance from Arizona State University. He also graduated from the Pacific Coast

> Banking School in 2003 and earned a professional MBA from the University of Guam.

He has served on the assistive technology/Get Guam Teleworking Loan Board and the Felix M. Camacho and

Carlos G. Camacho Scholarship Board. Camacho is a past President of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam and has been a member since 2010.

taposed with local images," For additional informa-Chang added. tion, contact Jackie Marati at The name HOOD CNMI (671) 472-5258. (PR)

specifically Tanapag where he used to teach. "In creating my brand, I came across keywords such as family and neighborhood which I personally thought were some strong characteristics of our village. In a neighborhood, it doesn't really matter where you are from or who you are, but the fact that you are part of the community is enough," he said.

"I am Korean-American born on Saipan and just like me we have many other groups of people here who are not Chamorro or Carolinian but still love where we are from and love the culture here. Unlike other brands who strongly target specific groups, I wanted to target everyone

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Global Corporation dba Phoenix Garden C

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Global Corporation proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. 128 D 43 in Garapan Village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Date: March 25, 2020

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Governor **Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-**purpose Center Building Susupe, Saipan

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, March 24, 2020. Please send written comments via e-mail to yubert.alepuyo@zoning.gov.mp. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan,

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

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Date: March 25, 2020 Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center Building Susupe, Saipan

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Saba Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Saba Corporation proposes to occupy a pre-existing structure for its Car Wash establishment. This use is classified as "Gas Station, Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No 001 I 41 in San Antonio village. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date: March 25, 2020 Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center Building Susupe, Saipan

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 **15** SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Nation

A somber Trump urges Americans to follow virus guidelines

old people should be

to follow the advice

gether as one nation

and we will defeat

the virus," Trump

said. "We can turn

the corner and turn it

"We will rally to-

to stay home.

WASHINGTON (AP)— Racing to stall an expected surge of coronavirus cases, the White House released a series of sweeping guidelines that for the next 15 days will temporarily rewrite the norms of American society.

President Donald Trump, employing a newly somber tone about the crisis enveloping the globe, urged all older Americans to stay home and everyone to avoid crowds and eating out at restaurants. The president for the first time acknowledged that the pandemic may send the economy into a recession and suggested that the nation may be dealing with the virus until "July or August."

The guidelines were released Monday to an uneasy

With each day that the coro-

navirus outbreak spreads and

claims more lives, the damage

to global airlines rises too. U.S.

Airlines CEOs have been

making the rounds in Wash-

ington and making phone

September 2001.

country. The stock market had its worst since 1987, day America's largest school system shut its doors and questions remained about the administration's ability Trump to test for the virus and provide hospital space for those who fall ill.

Among the new recommendations: Over the next half month, Americans should not gather in groups of more than 10 people, schooling should be at home and discretionary travel and social visits should be avoided. If anyone in a household tests positive for the virus, everyone who lives there should stay home. The



quickly." The president, when asked when the pandemic would subside, said that "if we do a really good job" the crisis could pass by the height of summer. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the administration's infectious disease expert, did not chal-

Trump's prediction was far less optimistic than his earlier ones, when he insisted it could be over in weeks. He also acknowledged that the virus may

lenge that claim.

send the nation's economy into a recession, a potentially brutal blow for an incumbent seeking reelection.

That admission was startling for Trump, who for two weeks had struck a discordantly optimistic tone about the pandemic that endangered his presidency. On Monday that upbeat demeanor was gone as he acknowledged the virus was "not under control" in the United States or globally.

He said he did not yet plan to call for domestic travel restrictions while his administration made pointed appeals to millennials to stop socializing and risk spreading the virus. He was reluctant to advise states to cancel the primary elections ahead. And without providing details, he said "we're going to back the airlines 100%," a note first time in over a century. of reassurance for an industry crippled by travel bans and fears of spreading the virus.

The expansive guidelines were issued on a day of fastmoving developments in a capital resplendent in cherry blossoms but awash in anxiety.

Congress convened to try to finish an aid package and consider another one behind it. The Supreme Court postponed oral arguments for the

And the U.S. surgeon general said that the United States is about where Italy was two weeks ago in the coronavirus struggle, a sign that infections are expected to rise.

"When you look at the projections, there's every chance that we could be Italy," Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams told Fox News. Yet he said the U.S. has opportunities to mitigate the pandemic.



Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center Building Tel: 234-9661/2 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● www.zoning.gov.mp



Preliminary Matters

- 1. Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Adoption of 02/25/2020 Zoning Board Meeting minutes
- 5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B.

Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2020-0730: Shalom Church proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Church establishment. This use is classified as "Church or Place of Worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. TR. 21859-3-1 in Fina Sisu village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

2. Conditional Use Application #2019-5005: Global Corporation Phoenix Garden A proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. 128 D 36 in Garapan village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

3. Conditional Use Application #2019-5007: Global Corporation Phoenix Garden C proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. 128 D 43 in Garapan village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

4. Conditional Use Application #2019-4940: Saba Corporation proposes to occupy a pre-existing structure for its Car Wash establishment. This use is classified as "Gas Station, Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No 001 I 41 in San Antonio village. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

- 1. Saipan Northern Islands Legislative Delegation ("SNILD") Proposed Saipan Zoning Law of 2019
- 2. Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2018 regulation
- 3. Re-appointment and request for nominees
- 4. FY 2021 Budget
- FY 2019 DRAFT Annual Report
- Department Organizational and Functional Chart

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- 1. FY 2021 Budget and FY 2019 Annual Report
- 2. ITB 19-ZB-134 "Vehicle purchase for Enforcement & Operations"
- Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2018 regulation

Executive (Closed) Session

- 1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)
- 2. Offer Letter & Acceptance-Zoning Administrator

Miscellaneous

- 1. Other Matters
- Announcements
- 3. Next Meeting

Hit by virus, US airlines seek aid far exceeding post-9/11 America, the trade group representing all the leading U.S. passenger and cargo airlines,

finally provided some details

administration did not say how

carriers on Monday put a price about what the airlines want. They are asking for \$29 biltag on their pain: They asked the federal government for more lion in federal grants: \$25 billion than \$50 billion in rescue aid. for passenger airlines, \$4 billion It is a staggering request for for cargo carriers. They also an industry that has chalked up want up to \$29 billion in zerotens of billions in profits over interest loans or loan guarantees, the past decade. It would far split the same way between pasexceed the bailout that airlines senger and cargo carriers. And got after the terror attacks of they want federal excise taxes on fuel, cargo and airline tickets to

> That package would easily surpass the \$5 billion in grants and up to \$10 billion in loan

be suspended through the end of

next year and possibly longer.

guarantees that Congress approved after the terror attacks of September 2001, which temporarily grounded all U.S. flights and led to a long slump in domestic travel.

Without help, the carriers could run out of money in the second half of this year, according to their trade group.

President Donald Trump wasted little time in saying that his administration will support the industry, although he didn't discuss dollars or say what an assistance package might look like.

"We are going to back the airlines 100%. It's not their fault," Trump said during a

press conference in the White House. He added that airlines were "having a record season" before the virus outbreak.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers are evaluating possible steps to help the airlines, including federal loans and tax relief, according to a Republican aide on the House Transportation Committee.

Meanwhile, airlines continued to outline drastic plans to slash flights, hunker down and wait for the outbreak to pass. They said travel demand is still falling. Nobody, it seems, wants to be cooped up in a plane, even a half-empty one, during a pandemic.

calls to lobby for assistance in the last few days. Airlines for **Department of Finance** Division of Procurement and Supply

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Shalom Church

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Shalom Church proposes to occupy a pre-existing one-story structure for its Church establishment. This use is classified as "Church or Place of Worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The site is located on Lot No. TR. 21859-3-1 in Fina Sisu Village. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

> Date: March 25, 2020 Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center Building Susupe, Saipan

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, March 24, 2020. Please send written comments via e-mail to yubert.alepuyo@zoning.gov.mp. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Science

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

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Asia

Duterte puts northern PH under quarantine vs virus

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday placed the northern third of the country under an "enhanced community quarantine" that requires millions of people to stay mostly at home in an attempt to contain the coronavirus, which has killed a dozen people in the Southeast Asian nation.

Under the monthlong containment, most office work and mass public transportation on Luzon Island, which includes the capital, Manila, will be suspended, officials said. Public movement will be restricted and large gatherings banned except for medical and other emergencies.

Banks, hospitals, drugstores and supermarkets will remain open but only one family member can leave home to buy food and the establishments should observe "social distancing," officials said.

Duterte also placed the rest of the Philippines under "a state of public health emergency" and ordered mayors and village officials to take steps to fight the spread of the COVID-19 disease in the archipelago of more than 100 million people.



In this handout photo provided by the Malacanang Presidential Photographers Division, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte gestures as he speaks during an Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Malacanang presidential palace in Manila, Philippines on Monday March 16, 2020.

"This is not martial law," Duterte said in televised remarks. But he also threatened people who defy the moves with arrest.

Cabinet officials responded to a flurry of questions after Duterte's announcement. "When in doubt, stay home," Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said.

They said schools and government office work in the executive department would be suspended, but police, military, coast guard and health personnel would remain on

duty. "A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households," Nograles said.

Land, air and sea travel to Luzon would be restricted, he said.

In an initial attempt to isolate large numbers of Filipinos on Sunday, Duterte placed metropolitan Manila, home to more than 12 million people, in a monthlong "community quarantine" that suspended most domestic travel to and from the capital and prohibited large public gatherings.

As pandemic spreads, China's ex-epicenter down to 1 new case

MADRID (AP)—The battle to contain the coronavirus reached new urgency, as more governments locked down borders and ordered new closures and restrictions and pleas went out to funnel masks and ventilators to places struggling with soaring numbers of sick patients.

The growing sense of crisis rocked financial markets Monday, particularly on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 12.9%. Investors' fears that the pandemic will throw the economy into a recession sent the market to its worst one-day loss since 1987.

The shift in the battle lines was made clear by tallies showing cases outside China have surpassed those inside it and Spain now has the fourthmost cases in the world. The central Chinese city that was the former epicenter where the viral illness was first detected in December was down to just one new case on Tuesday.

With the number of cases worldwide topping 181,000, a surge of patients in Madrid's hospitals fueled worries across Europe of what lies ahead.

"There is no easy or quick way out of this extremely difficult situation," said Mark Rutte, the prime minister of the Netherlands, in the first televised speech by a Dutch premier since 1973.

Only China, Italy and Iran have more infections than Spain, where the number increased by roughly 20%, to 9,191 and fatalities rose to 309, according to the Spanish Health Ministry. It switched to a new reporting system, so the actual number may be higher.

A somber Rutte told viewers "a large part" of the Netherlands' 17 million people are likely to contract the virus. So far, 1,413 people have tested positive and 24 have died. The government closed schools, restaurants and bars and banned gatherings of more than 100 people.

Countries from Canada to Switzerland, Russia and Malaysia announced sharp new restrictions on the movement of people across their borders.

"We have a window of time at the moment to slow the spread of the virus," said Ulrike Demmer, a spokeswoman for Germany's government, which reversed its earlier insistence that border controls would not work. It imposed new limits on crossings with France, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark and Luxembourg, after German infections increased by more than 1,000 over 24 hours.

With much-needed ventilators in short supply, the British government asked manufacturers, including automakers Ford and Rolls-Royce, to convert some of their assembly lines to making the life-saving equipment.

"We are facing what is an unprecedented situation and that is going to require an unprecedented response," said James Slack, a spokesman for Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Around the world, fast-changing rules and restrictions tore up the script for daily life. Bars, pubs and restaurants were closed or restricting orders to takeout and delivery. Cemeteries in the Croatian capital restricted attendance at funerals to the closest relatives. U.S. casinos went dark, not just in Las Vegas, but in more than a dozen states.

World

France says people must stay home to slow spread of virus

PARIS (AP)—France said Monday that it would follow other European countries in confining residents mostly to their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic, while the European Union considered closing its external borders to foreign travelers to impede infections.

French President Emmanuel Macron said that starting on Tuesday, people would be allowed to leave the place they live only for necessary activities such as shopping for food, going to work or taking a walk.

"From tomorrow at noon and for at least 15 days, our trips will be greatly reduced" Macron said in a televised address.

Macron said the government would provide further details, but he told the French people that everyone should stay at home, go out just for the "bare essentials" and commute to work only if working from home isn't feasible.

Anyone caught violating the new measures will be punished, he said.

The restrictions appeared to put France under a lockdown similar to the ones imposed last week in Italy and Spain in response to the virus. While the restrictions are in effect, residential gatherings with family and friends will be prohibited, the president said.

"We are at war," Macron said repeatedly in his address.

French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner subsequently specified that all people circulating on France's streets will have to justify, upon request, why they were out and about. Forms stating the purpose of "essential" outside travel—such as going to the bakery to buy a baguette—will be available for downloading, Castaner said.

People without valid reasons will be subject fines ranging from 38-135 euros (\$43-\$151), the minister said. Castaner said 100,000 police would be deployed in the coming days to enforce the lockdown.

The French plan was announced almost a week after a nationwide lockdown took effect in Italy, the country with the most reported virus cases in the world except for China.

Spain followed suit over the weekend, while other EU nations have adopted ad hoc national measures, including partial border closures.

As of earlier Monday, six of the 10 countries with the highest numbers of reported virus cases worldwide are in Europe: Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Switzerland and the U.K. France has reported a total of 6,633 cases, including 148 deaths.

British authorities also ramped up public health measures Monday, telling people who are in the groups considered most vulnerable to severe CO-VID-19 illness to stay at home for three months.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said people with "the most serious health conditions" should be "shielded" from social contacts for 12 weeks, starting this weekend. He mentioned people over 70, those with chronic illnesses and pregnant women as particularly at risk.

It was unclear whether everyone in the those groups was being told to stay home for 12 weeks. Johnson said the government was advising the entire population "to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel."

Virus toll in Iran climbs as lockdowns deepen across Mideast

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran reported another 129 fatalities from the new coronavirus on Monday, the largest one-day rise in deaths since it began battling the Middle East's worst outbreak, which has claimed more than 850 lives and infected a number of senior officials in the country.

Businesses in Iran's capital remained open, however, even as other countries in the region grounded planes, sealed their borders and moved toward full lockdowns.

The divergent approaches adopted by local authorities reflect continued uncertainty over how to slow the spread of a virus that has infected around 180,000 people worldwide and caused more than 700 deaths.

Israel, where the number of confirmed cases has nearly tripled to 298 in recent days, has authorized the use of phone-snooping technology long used against Palestinian militants to track coronavirus patients.

"These measures will help

us greatly to locate the virus, the location of the infected, and thereby halt the spread of the virus," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised address late Monday, adding that they would be temporary.

He said the Cabinet had debated the measures for six hours and agreed on strict oversight. But such practices are likely to spark renewed debate over government surveillance and privacy rights as countries adopt them in the face of the pandemic.

Most people experience only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, and recover within weeks. But the virus is highly contagious and can be spread by people with no visible symptoms. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

In Iraq, people raced to supermarkets and swiftly emptied shelves after the government announced a weeklong curfew beginning late Tuesday. All flights from Baghdad's international airport will also be suspended. Iraq has reported 124 cases and nine deaths.

In Lebanon, where the government ordered a lock-down, traffic was thin and some streets were completely empty. Restaurants, cafes and bars have been closed since last week and most private businesses were shuttered Monday. The tiny country has reported 99 cases and three deaths.

Both Iraq and Lebanon have been largely in disarray since anti-government protests broke out last year, and Lebanon was mired in its worst financial crisis in years even before the pandemic began.

In Iran, which has close ties to both Iraq and Lebanon, authorities have reported 14,991 confirmed cases and 853 deaths. Monday's jump in fatalities was the largest one-day rise since the epidemic began. The real numbers may be even higher, as some have questioned the government's reporting.

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s the novel coronavirus continues to spread and residents consider the possibility of self-quarantine, one can't help but wonder: Am I really going to eat all the protein bars I hoarded at Costco?

Not if you're stuck at home for two weeks, potentially unwell or taking care of someone who is unwell. You did the right thing by stocking up on toilet paper, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. But, remember: This isn't an earthquake stash. Should there be a quarantine—government or self-issued—you will likely have refrigeration, electricity and a lot of time on your hands to nourish yourself and the ones you love.

In other words, you'll want to cook.

"From my standpoint, there's no reason to live on snack bars and meal replacement drinks," says Los Gatos' Marlene Koch, a registered dietitian nutritionist and New York Times best-selling cookbook author. "With a quick stock of your freezer and pantry, you can have the ingredients it takes to not only feed someone who is not feeling well but to feed the whole family."

But what are those ingredients, and how much do you

buy? Koch, who pens the health-focused "Eat What You Love" cookbook series, says you should start with simple family favorites—say, slow-cooker Pulled Pork or Sheet Pan Chicken—keeping protein as a top priority.

FREEZER FORTUNE

Because "protein needs vary widely between men and women, or young kids and teenagers, it's hard to say how much to buy," Koch says. In general, she recommends 4 ounces of protein per person per day. The USDA recommends 5½ ounces of lean meat—the equivalent of 1¼ cups cooked beans—for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

"I would stock the freezer with a variety of 2- to 3-pound bags of lean ground beef or turkey, chicken tenders, or even shrimp," she says. "Remember, your quarantine may be for weeks but your bounty will last for months. If they buy too much, these are ingredients that people can be grilling outside come summer."

Also in that freezer: Tortillas, microwaveable rice or quinoa, frozen fruit for smoothies and frozen vegetables to stir into soups, grain bowls and easy pasta dishes. Not all frozen veggies are created equal—she prefers corn and peas over, say, frozen broccoli—but as long as you get some greens into



A shopper wheels his cart past a nearly empty lunch meat selection at a Walmart in Phoenix, Monday, March 16, 2020.

your meals you're eating well. "It may also be comforting to know that frozen veggies have the same beneficial nutrient qualities as fresh," Koch adds.

PANDEMIC PANTRY

Canned and dry goods, too, are no-brainers when it comes to making healthful meals without access to a grocery store. Think outside the cupboard when it comes to this category. Sure, you should have on hand your favorite pasta or grain, nut butter, canned tuna or sardines, diced tomatoes, and, of course, beans. But using dried mushrooms instead of fresh

mushrooms can yield a divine Instant Pot risotto.

And don't even get Koch started on beans. Pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney or cannelli—you can make meals to last well beyond two weeks, from a hearty Black Bean Chili or this brilliant Seven-Can Chicken Taco Soup. Here's an even easier one, courtesy of Koch: "Puree a can of black beans with salsa, chicken or vegetable broth and cumin," she says.

Cumin is among her shaker staples because it is used in many cuisines. Other spices to pep up dishes, or in lieu of the fresh version: Smoked paprika, chile flakes, garlic powder, ground ginger and dried herbs, especially thyme and oregano, which can easily substitute for the real thing when making, say, a roast chicken with the former or spaghetti sauce with the latter.

Here are a few other Koch tricks: Combine canned tuna with a low-sodium cream soup, like cream of broccoli, mushroom or celery, and add jarred artichoke hearts and sun-dried tomatoes for a newage casserole. Leftover potato chips? Crumble on top to add a crunchy topping, she says. If a recipe calls for milk or cream, she uses oat milk. "Swirl it

into coffee, oatmeal, soups," she says. "Unlike almond milk it is actually creamy and mimics the texture of dairy milk."

For a simple yet satisfying plant-based dish, Koch adds a can of chickpeas to fresh-cooked pasta and throws in a few handfuls of spinach or kale, garlic and broth. Craving spice and have some frozen sausage? Try spicy Chickpea and Chorizo Stew, substituting frozen diced red and yellow bell peppers if you don't have the fresh in your fridge.

But not everyone is looking for the quick and easy cook when they're on lockdown. If you're stuck at home and find cooking or baking therapeutic, then, by all means, stock accordingly and throw yourself into Guittard's Best Chocolate Cake Ever, knead your worries away with an Artisan Free-Form Loaf or use that can of pumpkin left over from the fall to make America's Test Kitchen's ultimate Pumpkin Bread.

And don't forget the one fruit that you'll want to over-ripen in the event you're marooned at home: Bananas. When the world is amiss, there's nothing quite as satisfying as mashing near-black bananas into a recipe for warm, comforting banana bread, especially when it's studded with those chocolate chips you keep trying not to snack on. It's time—snack on.

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Life & Style

strikes journalists, others change way they work

NEW YORK (AP)—Six people at CBS News have tested positive for coronavirus, including a correspondent stationed in Italy, as media organizations fought Monday against the same epidemic they're charged with describing.

Five employees with the virus work in CBS' New York offices, where most of its journalists were ordered to stay away as a result.

"Everyone works remotely unless specifically requested to come in," CBS News President Susan Zirinsky said in a memo to her staff.

ABC News said Monday that a journalist who worked on the network's coverage team of the outbreak in Seattle had tested positive for coronavirus. The person, who works in ABC's Los Angeles bureau, has been isolated since last week and has suffered only mild symptoms.

The network said it has told its entire Seattle coverage team to stay home and has closed its Los Angeles bureau for a thor-

ough cleaning.

Meanwhile, at NBC, an employee who worked on the "Today" show's third hour tested positive, forcing the show's anchors Craig Melvin and Al Roker and others who came into contact with the person to be ordered to isolate in their homes as a result.

The "Today" show's 7 a.m. anchors, Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb, came to work but kept their distance. They sat several feet apart from each other as the show opened Monday, saying they were setting an example by following guidelines for social distancing.

"It does matter," Kotb said.
"We're practicing that at home, we're practicing that with our children and we want to practice that at work because it's important."

It was a subtle trend throughout the television world. The white couch on Fox News Channel's "Outnumbered," typically crowded with four women and one man, held only Harris Faulkner and Melissa Francis on



Monday. The other guests, Dr. Nicole Saphier, David Webb and Jessica Tarlov, were stationed in different studios.

Seth Doane, a CBS News correspondent who lives in Rome, revealed Monday that he was one of the network's employees to test positive. Italy is one of the worst-hit countries in the world.

"For the most part, I feel OK," Doane said in an interview on "CBS This Morning." But he said he coughed enough to worry people around him, had a slight fever and felt pressure in his chest, so he chose to

get tested.

He said he's felt worse in the past with colds and the flu. Most people who get coronavirus have only mild or moderate symptoms similar to what Doane described. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover.

It was a point Doane wanted to illustrate: that symptoms can be so mild that people can spread the disease while not even realizing they have it.

"The psychological part for

me has been worse than the physical part," Doane said, referring to how he's had to call people that he's been in contact with.

The cases in CBS' New York studios has had cascading impacts. New York's WCBS-TV broadcasts from there, so late last week, New York's local news was delivered by anchors in a Los Angeles studio. The syndicated "Inside Edition" also airs from there, and late last week Deborah Norville did the show from her kitchen at home.

John Oliver's "Last Week

Tonight" tapes in a studio in the New York complex, and there were also people in the HBO show's office that tested positive. So Oliver on Sunday night taped a show without an audience from a studio where he sat in front of a white backdrop.

His abbreviated show was part comedy, part social commentary and part service journalism. He went through specific instructions of what viewers could do to avoid the coronavirus and implored viewers to be careful about emailing or posting false information.

Disney Junior's 'Mira, Royal Detective' is India-inspired



NEW YORK (AP)—The newest cartoon on Disney Junior has all the hallmarks one would expect from a children's show—a smart, resourceful lead character, entertaining sidekicks, and a bright, colorful animated environment, filled with song and dance.

But those aren't the main reasons Sonal Singh can't wait for the debut of "Mira, Royal Detective." She's excited because her 3-year-old daughter will be seeing something that Singh would have loved to have seen herself a generation ago as a child growing up in America—an Indian girl at the heart of it all.

"Seeing someone like yourself on TV, especially on a cartoon that you love or that you watch, gives you some sense of connection to your identity and your selfworth," said Singh, 35, of Mountain View, California.

"I think it's incredible."

Debuting both in the United States and India on Friday, the cartoon incorporates the cultures of India and centers around Mira, a young girl who is named by the queen of fictional Jalpur as, yes, you guessed it, the royal detective. She's got friends and relatives who help her solve her cases, along with two chatty mongooses (the sidekicks.)

The actors voicing the re-

(DISNEY JUNIOR VIA AP)
This image released by Disney
Junior shows the character
Mira, voiced by Leela Ladnier,
from the animated series "Mira,
Royal Detective." The cartoon
incorporates the cultures of India and centers around Mira, a
young girl who is named by the
queen of fictional Jalpur as the
royal detective.

curring and guest characters include a who's who of South Asian talent, like Kal Penn, Freida Pinto, Utkarsh Ambudkar and Jameela Jamil. The voice of Mira belongs to 16-year-old Leela Ladnier in her first professional role.

"I would say this is a pretty good start" to a career, Ladnier said. The show has been a reminder of "how beautiful our culture is and I'm really excited to share that with the public."

From the start, the intent was to make the show as true to its Indian inspiration as possible, said Sascha Paladino, the executive producer, whose resume includes working as a writer on another cartoon show that made a big impact.

"Doc McStuffins." That cartoon follows an African American girl who dreams of being a doctor while using her toys as patients.

"We wanted it to feel authentic," he told The Associated Press. "The biggest piece of that in terms of authenticity was making sure we included as many South Asian voices in the process as possible."

That means writers, designers, musicians, a cultural consultant and even seeking the input of the people working in the animation studio in India that did some work on the project.

That authenticity is both for Indian and South Asian kids and their families, to see their lives and cultures reflected, and for those who aren't South Asian, to "see a new and interesting culture that hopefully they'll want to explore," he said.

"Ultimately I hope the characters are universal, that all kids can relate to the stories," Paladino said.

For Penn, who plays Mikku, one of the mongooses, being part of the show is a thrill. He's excited for people like his young nephew to have a show like this and other diverse offerings on television.

"This is going to be a generation of kids for whom this is going to be normal," he said. "They don't carry the emotional baggage or institutional memory of what it was like for us growing up with a lack of content on TV, they just don't have that."

If anything, he said, "my excitement coming into it I have to temper because I don't want him to think there's something abnormal."

Cheyenne Paiva can't wait to watch the show, and the 27-year-old woman, of Sri Lankan and Filipino descent, doesn't even have any kids yet.

"I haven't been able to celebrate a show like this my whole life, I think it's pretty cool," said Paiva, of Renton, Washington, who works in a medical lab but also does some standup comedy.

She's inspired not only by what's going to be on screen, but the involvement of South Asians throughout the production, especially some of the actors whom she's followed for years as a fan.

'Don't stop': When Carnegie Hall canceled, show went on

NEW YORK (AP)—How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice. And when the coronavirus cancels the performance you've been practicing for? Take it outside.

A group of Oregon students decided they were going to perform Monday in New York City, even if it wasn't quite where they had originally planned.

The young musicians from the Alliance Charter Academy in Oregon City, Oregon, got word their planned Carnegie Hall performance had been canceled just before they were scheduled to leave. Some of them decided to come anyway, and took their stringed instruments to Times Square, playing for the few hardy souls still out and about.

"It's a good message to keep going and to teach kids to persist even when your dreams are crushed," said Anna Mersereau, 41, orchestra director at the school. "You don't stop, you make the most of it and you take what life gives you and you keep going.'

There were tears initially, she said, but after about a day, some students figured they were no more at risk on the East Coast than they were on

the West Coast, so they came. with plenty of hand sanitizer and maintaining distance between themselves and others.

In addition to Times Square, they were planning to play outside Carnegie Hall as well.

The kids found the bright side of the unusual experience.

"We're always probably going to remember as the trip we were going to play at Carnegie Hall but now it's the trip we played at Times Square which we weren't planning to do," said Christian Hall, 17.

"Even though that's kind of a disappointment, it's been a great trip," he said. "I'm happy the way it turned out, it would have been cool if it would have gone the other way, but either way it was a great trip."

The new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, in most people but can cause more severe illness and death for some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems. The vast majority of people recover.

The worldwide outbreak has sickened about 175,000 people and left more than 6,700 dead



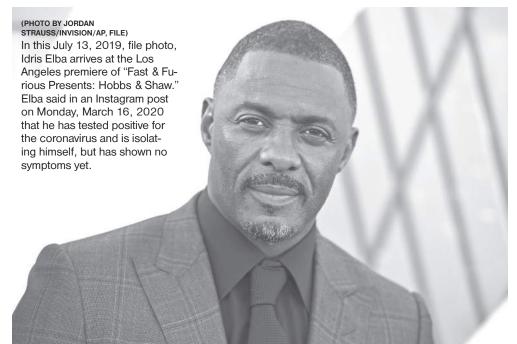
Young musicians from the Alliance Charter Academy in Oregon City, Oregon, play their instruments in Times Square, Monday, March 16, 2020, in New York

Idris Elba says he has coronavirus: 'no symptoms so far'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Idris Elba says he has tested positive for the coronavirus. The actor tweeted Monday that he has no symptoms so far and has been isolated since Friday when he found out about his possible exposure. He says he sought out the test after discovering he had come into contact with someone who had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus.

Elba is the latest high profile celebrity to have tested positive for the virus. Last week, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson said they had also tested positively in Australia.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.



Elba in a video message said that his wife has not been tested vet but is feeling OK.

"This is serious. Now's re-

ally the time to think about social distancing, washing your hands." Elba said.

"We live in a divided world

right now. We can all feel it," he added. "But now's the time for solidarity, for thinking about each other."

Noted musical trailblazer Doriot Anthony Dwyer dies at 98

BOSTON (AP)—A longtime Boston Symphony Orchestra flutist and musical trailblazer has died, the orchestra said Monday. Doriot Anthony Dwyer was 98.

Dwyer, the second woman ever to win a principal chair in a major U.S. orchestra, died Saturday in Lawrence, Kansas, the BSO said in a statement. A cause of death was not given, but her daughter, Arienne Dwyer, said she simply died of old age. Dwyer was the Boston

Symphony's principal flutist for nearly 40 years, first studying with her mother before attending the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. She joined the BSO in 1952, becoming just the second woman to serve as a principal in a prominent orchestra after Helen Kotas, who became principal horn of the Chicago Symphony in 1941.



(WALTER H. SCOTT/BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VIA AP) In this 1995 photo provided by the Boston Symphony Orchestra,

flutist Doriot Anthony Dwyer, left, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma perform the world premiere of Bernstein's "Variations on an Octatonic Scale" in Boston. Dwyer, the second woman ever to win a principal chair in a major U.S. orchestra, died Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Lawrence, Kan. She was 98.

In the late 1950s, as the Cold War between the former Soviet Union and the West intensified, Dwyer accompanied the Boston orchestra on a tour of Russia and performed the long flute solo in Claude De-

bussy's "Afternoon of a Faun" during a concert in Moscow.

'The concertgoers were so excited that a roar went up from the crowd and they carried her on their shoulders out into the streets," her daughter told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday.

Born March 6, 1922, in Streator, Illinois, a grand-niece of famed suffragist Susan B. Anthony, Dwyer was an important force in enlarging the flute repertoire. Leonard Bernstein was among the prominent composers who wrote works for her.

Dwyer also was the first orchestra player ever awarded Yale University's prestigious Sanford Fellowship, and she recorded numerous works before retiring from the BSO in 1990. After her retirement, she performed as a soloist with orchestras and quartets around the U.S., and taught extensively.

In 2012, she was inducted into the Rochester Music Hall of Fame.

In addition to her daughter, Dwyer is survived by a granddaughter. Funeral arrangements and plans for a tribute concert were pending.

Words of wisdom impart lesson in self-respect

EAR ABBY: I have carried a worn clipping of your "Definition of Maturity" with me for many years because it has been inspirational to me. I even gave a copy of it to my younger brother.

Is it part of one of your publications? I feel it is relevant today because both the young and old could use a lesson in respect and self-respect. Can you reprint it?

FRANCES IN DALLAS

DEAR FRANCES: With pleasure! Here it is: DEFINITION OF MATURITY

Maturity is:

The ability to stick with a job until it's finished. The ability to do a job without being supervised. The ability to carry money without spending it.

And the ability to bear an injustice without wanting

This definition of maturity is included in my booklet "Keepers," a compilation of humorous and inspirational items—poems and short essays—that readers have asked me to include in my column because they held special meaning for them. Many, like you, also have said they kept the articles until they were worn and yellowed with age.

Many readers suggested the articles be put together in a booklet. Filled with clever observations, "Keepers" subjects are diverse, covering a variety of topics, including parenting, children, aging, animals, forgiveness, etc. My booklet can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Filled with down-to-earth nuggets of wisdom, both witty and philosophical, the "Keepers" booklet is an inexpensive, welcome gift for newly married couples, pet lovers or anyone recovering from an illness. It's also an inspiring, positive, quick and easy read for anyone who could use a lift!

DEAR ABBY: I've been friends with "Brenda" for nearly 40 years. We've had our share of tough times, but I've always been a good friend to her even though it felt one-sided. The last straw for me was a few months ago, when I had major surgery.

I didn't hear from her for three weeks, and when she did call, she talked about her life the whole time and showed no interest in how I was doing. Brenda has now had major surgery. Two weeks have gone by, and I haven't called her. I want her to have a taste of her own selfish medicine.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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I have been upfront with her in the past that she hasn't always been there for me. She apologizes but nothing changes. Am I being too sensitive about her lack of caring about anyone but herself?

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DEAR OVER IT: I don't think so. But if you step back and review your relationship with Brenda, you will realize that it has always been this way. Perhaps it's time to reevaluate whether maintaining the kind of relationship you have with her is worth the effort because, after 40 years, she isn't going to change. Either accept her as she is or **20** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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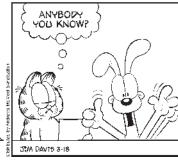
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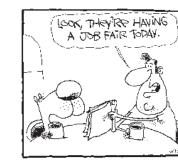
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Happy Birthday: You have to be adaptable if you want to get ahead this year. Use your intelligence to consider suggestions others make. You will find workable solutions. Address emotional matters, and situations that have been less than satisfactory will improve as long as you are honest about the way you feel and able to adapt to change. Your numbers are 3, 14, 22, 28, 31, 37, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do whatever it takes to get along with people in higher positions. If you want to have a say, you have to make allowances. Avoid situations that are depressing or that can set you back financially. Sometimes it's best to sidestep controversy. ••

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take advantage of whatever comes your way. Make calls, and be ready to hustle into unknown territory to make your mark. You will pick up information and find out what's available quickly, allowing you to excel. 2000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be aware of what's going on around you. Someone will take advantage of you if given a chance. Take the first step, and don't look back. Take care of your interests, and you will be the one to prosper. 200

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your emotions intuitively. Act instinctively, and you will make good decisions. Partner with someone who complements what you have to offer. Good times are heading your way

if you are quick to take action. Ask, and you will receive. **QQQ**

pay off down the road. Reconnecting with someone from your past will lead to information and insight that will help you move forward. A lifestyle adjustment or occupational move geared toward lowering stress is encouraged.

chases that will update your image. Do something beautiful for the people you love. A work-related event will open up an opportunity to use your skills differently. Pursue your

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Present, promote and pursue your dreams, and you will get a good response, great suggestions and an unusual offer. A spiritual or educational journey will lead to a magical experience

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stabilize situations that are currently undergoing revision. Make sure any plan you undertake is feasible. Don't follow someone or trust

what others tell you. Go directly to the source, and act on facts that are already verified.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Research will

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make pur-

dreams. Go for it; it's your turn to excel. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Before you

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that will prompt you to make personal changes. Enjoy the moment. ����

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have plenty of choices. Look for the best offer, and negotiate on your behalf. Secure your position with legal documentation. A responsibility you have dealt with for years will pay off. Gifts and unexpected offerings are head-

ing your way. 🛇 🗘 🗘 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you have shared secret information with someone who isn't trustworthy, it will be revealed. Don't make changes based on hearsay or what someone else decides to do. Stay put, and work to stabilize your position. Protect against in-

jury and illness. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Associate with mentally stimulating people. A social event will put you in the limelight and lead to an encounter with someone in a high position. An offer is heading your way. Position yourself for advancement.

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Cowboys, Cooper agree on deal; Prescott tagged



TEXAS (AP)— The Dallas Cowboys have an agreement on a long-term con-

tract with receiver Amari Cooper. Now they'll keep working to get a deal with Dak Prescott after putting the franchise tag on their star quarterback.

The Cowboys and their No. 1 receiver have agreed on a \$100 million, five-year contract, a person with direct knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Monday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been announced.

Cooper was set to become an unrestricted free agent and was already free to talk to other teams because the Cowboys had to use the franchise tag on Prescott.

Dallas traded a first-round pick to get Cooper from Oakland midseason in 2018, and his addition did wonders for Prescott and the offense. But Cooper's production tailed off in the second half of his first full season with the Cowboys as an underachieving team missed the playoffs.

The 25-year-old Cooper has 5,097 yards receiving and 33 touchdowns in five seasons. He was the fourth overall pick in 2015 by the Raiders. The \$20 million average per season for Cooper is second to Atlanta's Julio Jones (\$22 million).

Prescott's franchise tag is worth an estimated \$31.5 million, but the two-time Pro Bowler is unlikely to sign the tender soon so he can maintain leverage in negotiations.

The Cowboys and Prescott have been working on a deal for about a year. He was one of the best bargains in the NFL last season with a base salary of \$2 million as a fourth-round pick in 2016.

Prescott was the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year when he led the Cowboys on a franchise-record 11-game winning streak that vaulted them to the top seed in the NFC before losing to Green Bay in the divisional round.

Dallas made the playoffs again in 2018, with Prescott getting his first wild-card win, before missing the postseason again last year amid high expectations. The Cowbovs didn't renew coach Jason Garrett's contract after the disappointing season and hired Mike McCarthy.

With the NFL's offseason being altered by the coronavirus pandemic, the Cowboys could have more opportunity to get a long-term deal with Prescott before he misses valuable time working with a mostly new coaching staff.

The sides have until July 15



to get a deal done, but even with extra time to preserve a full offseason, the Cowboys hope to get an agreement much sooner.

When he was drafted, Prescott was the third-team quarterback behind Tony Romo and Kellen Moore. But preseason injuries to both made Prescott the starter, and Romo never got his job back.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has said repeatedly he considers Prescott his franchise quarterback, and has said it's just a matter of time before a deal gets completed.

Cousins, Vikings agree to extension

In Minneapolis, Kirk Cous-

ins will be staying longer in Minnesota. Stefon Diggs is headed out.

The Vikings didn't let limited salary-cap space deter them from making big moves as the two-day negotiating window prior to free agency opened on Monday.

Cousins and the Vikings agreed to a two-year, \$66 million contract extension, giving the quarterback another eight-figure influx of guaranteed money and providing the team some immediate salarycap relief.

Near the end of their busy day, the Vikings made a trade with Buffalo, fetching a haul of draft picks for Diggs, accord-

ing to a person with knowledge of the deal. In between, they retained safety Anthony Harris, fullback C.J. Ham and punter Britton Colquitt.

Cousins was entering the final season of the fully guaranteed, three-year, \$84 million contract he signed as a free agent in 2018. He was scheduled to count \$31 million against the salary cap, but this new pact will reduce by \$10 million the team's charge for 2020, according to a different person with knowledge of the deal. That person spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been finalized.

Cousins will be guaranteed

\$61 million at signing. His \$35 million base salary for the 2022 season would also become fully guaranteed a year from now, meaning he's likely locked in for \$96 million over the next three seasons. Either way, the ninth-year veteran will at least temporarily move back into the top five among NFL quarterbacks in average annual value, with the going rate at the critical position continuing to rise after a fouryear, \$118 million deal for Tennessee's Ryan Tannehill.

Cousins had a career-best season in 2019, ranking fourth in the league in passer rating (107.4), fourth in completion percentage (69.1), sixth in In this Sept. 22, 2019, file photo, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Amari Cooper, left, catches a pass for a first down as Miami Dolphins cornerback Xavien Howard (25) defends in the first half of an NFL I game in Arlington, Texas.

touchdown percentage (5.9), and seventh in average yards per attempt (8.1). He led the Vikings to a wild-card win in the playoffs at New Orleans, his first career postseason victory, and was picked as an injury replacement to his second Pro Bowl after making significant improvement in a new offensive system from his first year in Minnesota.

The cap clearance allowed the Vikings to put the franchise tag on Harris for \$11.441 million, preventing him from hitting free agency for a year.

Meanwhile, Miami sealed deals with four likely starters and made Byron Jones the NFL's highest-paid cornerback at more than \$76.5 million over five years, surpassing new teammate Xavien Howard.

Free agent quarterback Marcus Mariota agreed to join the Las Vegas Raiders, giving them an experienced backup who could also challenge Derek Carr for the starting role. Mariota, the No. 2 pick in the 2015 draft, lost his starting job in Tennessee last season to Ryan Tannehill.

Earlier, things got even hotter in the desert on offense with one of the NFL's biggest stars, DeAndre Hopkins, headed to Arizona.

In a stunner that overshadowed several other trades and a slew of offers to unrestricted free agents, the Texans sent their three-time All-Pro receiver to the Cardinals for running back David Johnson, a second-round draft pick this year and a fourth-rounder in 2021.

The NFC champion 49ers got into the bartering, too. They dealt top defensive tackle DeForest Buckner to Indianapolis for the No. 13 pick in this year's draft, which, incidentally, won't have any public events next month in Las Vegas — if it is even held there as originally planned.

A person familiar with the deal said Buckner will receive a new contract worth \$21 million a year from the Colts. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal and contract can't be finalized until the start of the league year Wednesday.

The trade came just after San Francisco opted to keep another standout lineman. Arik Armstead, who got a five-year deal worth \$85 million.

April NFL draft on schedule, no public events in Las Vegas

NEW YORK-The NFL Nevada and the city of Las tion and Visitors Authority for players traveling to team fawill proceed with its draft but month in Las Vegas. It's not statement. itself will be held in the city.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday the draft will take place April 23-25 as scheduled, but under a modified format still being developed. The draft will be televised regardless of its venue or format.

In consideration of current information related to CO-VID-19 and guidance from medical experts such as the CDC, and in coordination with public authorities in Vegas, the NFL will modify

ploring innovative options" for how the process will be handled and will provide that information as it becomes available.

"This decision reflects our foremost priority: the health and safety of all fans and citizens," Goodell said. "While this outcome is disappointing both to the NFL and to the Las Vegas community, we look forward to partnering with the Raiders, the city of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Conventhe Super Bowl."

Travel ban for player and team personnel

The NFL has barred inperson interviews with free agents and is requiring local physical examinations for them rather than team-conducted exams.

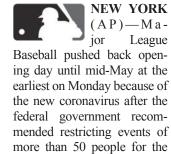
In a memo sent to the 32 franchises on Monday, the league also banned travel by team personnel to meet with free agents as well as those

a future NFL draft as well as cilities. The league's business without public events next its plans the league said in a evaluating opportunities for year begins Wednesday, and other major NFL events in Las the period in which players' yet clear, however, if the draft The NFL said it is ex- Vegas in the future, including representatives could negotiate with clubs began Monday-though no deals could be finalized.

All offseason activities such as meetings, practices and minicamps have been delayed indefinitely as a safeguard against the new coronavirus. No players can enter a club facility through March 31, with the exception of those receiving medical treatment.

The restrictions were first reported by ESPN.

MLB delays opening day to mid-May at earliest



Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement following a conference call with executives of the 30 teams

next eight weeks.

"The clubs remain committed to playing as many games as possible when the season begins," the commissioner's office said in a statement.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Sunday that gatherings of 50 people or more be canceled or postponed across the country for the next eight weeks.

"The opening of the 2020 regular season will be pushed back in accordance with that guidance," Manfred said.

No telling at this point when games will start. The All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 14 could be in jeopardy.

"We're not going to announce an alternate opening day at this point. We're going to have to see how things develop," Manfred told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch at Cardinals camp in Jupiter, Florida. He didn't want to speculate about the possibility of playing in empty stadiums, saying part of that decision would depend on timing.

MLB called off the rest of the spring training schedule on Thursday and said opening day, which had been scheduled for March 26, was postponed for at least two weeks. Teams and players agree that two to four weeks of additional spring training will be needed before the regular season begins.

"I'm just treating this as January of the winter time," Arizona catcher Stephen Vogt said in a text to The Associated Press.

PARIS—FIFA president Gi-



"I am working out with the anticipation of baseball activities ramping up over the next month. But my mentality is back to preparing for the season."

Under an agreement last week, between MLB and the players' association, players are allowed to decide whether to stay at spring training or go home, but some teams have ignored that deal and told players to leave.

"There should be no organized activities in the camps," Manfred told the Post-Dispatch. "We did agree with the MLBPA that spring training sites would remain open, but the thought there is with a skeleton crew, really to give players some place to use a gym, as opposed to being forced out into a public gym and the like. And we're really encouraging players to make a decision as to where they want to be over an extended period of time and get to that location as soon as possible."

The players' association sent an email to agents on Monday saying that for players who went home or to their team's regular-season city it would pay \$1,100 allowances through April 9 to players on 40-man rosters as of March 13. That amount also would go to players with minor league contracts at big league spring training who were on 40-man rosters at the end of last season.

The union is negotiating with MLB over resetting the dates for players with opt-out clauses in their deals, and the sides are likely to agree on a roster freeze. They are discussing the possibility of payments to major league players who have not reached the point of big-money deals to make up

for paychecks they won't be getting in April and May.

This year marked the earliest opening day other than for international games. As it stood, Game 7 of the World Series would have been Oct. 28, and teams and players could push the postseason into November.

Any change to the 162game schedule would necessitate bargaining over an array of issues, including when and how much players get paid and how much major league service they are credited for. Service time determines eligibility for free agency and salary arbitration.

Players made a counteroffer to MLB on Sunday, and management told the union it would not respond until Tuesday at the earliest.

Clubs also were told to call MLB if they wanted assistance with credit lines, a person familiar with Manfred's call said, speaking on condition of anonymity because that detail was not announced.

MLB had not had a mass postponement of openers since 1995, when the season was shortened from 162 games to 144 following a 7 1/2-month players' strike that also wiped out the 1994 World Series. Opening day was pushed back from April 2 to April 26 and player salaries were reduced by 11.1% because the games were lost due to a strike.

After a 32-day spring training lockout in 1990 caused opening day to be delayed a week until April 9, the season was extended by three days to allow each team a full 162game schedule.

Baseball's first strike lasted from April 1-13 in 1972, and the season started April 15. Teams played 153-156 games.

The 1918 season was cut short because of World War I. Provost Marshal Gen. Enoch Crowder announced a regulation on May 23 that men not involved in useful occupations appear before the draft board. The War Department initially did not rule baseball was non-essential under the "work or fight" order but Secretary of War Newton D. Baker announced on July 26 that baseball had to comply by Sept. 1. After some negotiation, the regular season ended Sept. 2 with teams playing 123-131 games, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in a World Series played from Sept. 5-11.

Also Monday, MLB and the union announced a joint donation of \$1 million to Feeding America and Meals on Wheels America, aimed at fighting hunger resulted from school closures and quarantines.

FIFA to use 'power of football' to combat coronavirus

anni Infantino on Monday urged authorities to use "the power of football" to reinforce important messages in the fight against coronavirus, promising initiatives with the World Health Organization.

"I highly recommend you to also at your level use the power of football to send out and spread these key messages," Infantino wrote in an open letter to FIFA's members and stakeholders.

"Most importantly, the football authorities must take all necessary measures to prevent the virus spreading to the wider community," he said. "In partnership with the WHO,

we are launching awareness in helping our world recover new USSF President Cindy mendations and steps to tackle the spread of COVID-19."

Infantino also suggested football could play a crucial role in helping society recover from the pandemic.

The coronavirus has infected more than 175,000 people across the world since it was first identified in central China in late December. It has claimed 7,000 deaths, according to an AFP tally.

"Sport in general and football, in particular, can—and I believe will—play a big part

building initiatives designed once we have, hopefully soon- Parlow Cone disavowed pa- suit was filed in March 2019. to provide practical recom- er rather than later, returned to pers submitted by the previous Latham & Watkins replaced normality," said Infantino.

> UEFA will hold a crisis meeting on Tuesday to determine whether to postpone Euro 2020, which is due to take place for the first

time in a dozen different cities spread across the continent from June 12 to July 12.

Europe's top leagues have already suspended competition due to the outbreak of the virus.

Meanwhile, as a different set of lawyers took over for the U.S. Soccer Federation,

attorneys who argued women's national team players had

lesser skills and responsibilities than their male counterparts.

Parlow Cone took over as head of American soccer's governing body last week when Carlos Cordeiro abruptly resigned because of the backlash over the documents, submitted by the USSF as it defended a gender discrimination lawsuit filed by women's national team players.

Seyfarth Shaw had repre-

sented the federation since the it in Monday's night's filing, made simultaneously with a statement by Parlow Cone, a former World Cup and Olympic champion for the U.S.

"Last week's legal filing was an error," Parlow Cone said. "It resulted from a fundamental breakdown in our internal process that led to offensive assertions made by the federation that do not represent our core values.

Both sides have moved for summary judgments, asking U.S. District Judge R. Gary

Klausner to decide in their favor without a trial, currently scheduled for May 5. They filed final documents associated with those requests late Monday night.

Parlow Cone, who had been the federation's vice president since last year, became the first woman president in the USSF's 107-year history. She struck a conciliatory tone.

"The WNT is the most successful soccer team in the world. As it relates to the lawsuit filed by the women, I offer the perspective of a former player. I know how important it is for both the federation and the players to move beyond this and keep working together on what unites us," she said.

NBA may have to consider some radical changes

Human beings are notoriously bad forecasters. We predict, analyze, fret then agonize over the lines that connect cause to ef-

fect. The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Serendipity leads us out of calamities. We are bad at seeing the disasters in our best-laid plans, or the opportunities that arise in disasters.

On Sunday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that over the next eight weeks, gatherings with more than 50 people be canceled or postponed in an attempt to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Hours later, ESPN reported the NBA league office and its owners are preparing for a minimum three-month hiatus, while some fear the possibility of the season being canceled.

For staff making an hourly wage, for restaurants (still) operating near arenas, for anyone who can't afford to play the long game, that would be a disaster. The NBA itself, however, has been around long enough to weather the storm and find the silver lining: surviving short-term disasters often leads to long-term gains.

In the long thread of history, a shortened, postponed or canceled season is nothing. Nobody remembers the Dayton Triangles, who kept playing through the throes of the Spanish flu and World War I and won the 1918 Ohio League, which was a predecessor to the NFL. Legacies get lost and so do seasons.



They get shortened, distorted, outright crossed out. The 1994 MLB World Series just flatout didn't happen. The 2004-05 NHL season was canceled due to a lockout. The 1998-99 lockout-shortened NBA season introduced the world to the maximum salary and the luxury tax, two pillars of the foundation of today's NBA.

The NBA hasn't really been shaken up since the 1980s, when it was on the verge of extinction, before late commissioner David Stern helped turn a budding rivalry between Larry Bird and Magic Johnson into the clash of the decade, selling NBA rights to ESPN

in 1982 before eventually taking his business to Turner and nearly doubling the NBA's TV revenue. Since then, the game has grown in lock step with television and existed within its realities — four 12-minute quarters littered with stoppages for advertisements and just enough time for a halftime segment—even as the barrage of content has become too much for a generation with shorter attention spans, smaller screens and more options. Who's to say two 20-minute halves won't work better?

for \$11 million over two years

After all, who could have imagined a professional game

Now, it's hard to imagine the season resuming in the absence of that scenario. Hell, according to ESPN, those arenas could be shunned for smaller practice facilities. Cameramen would have to find new angles. Maybe they'd use drones. Even on television, the game would have to be viewed from a different vantage point. Commissioner Adam Silver, according to ESPN, "is encouraging his league to be open to experimental ideas in every area scheduling format, venues, television—on how to respond to an unprecedented crisis."

without fans in the arena?

Success bogs down innovation with the phrase that's killed ideas for decades: If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Well, the coronavirus pandemic broke sports. Saving the season, if it's even possible, means working with scraps. The usual constraints have been rendered arbitrary. Everything is on the table now. The NBA will have to question things that have long been considered essential to its fabric. Every structure will have to prove why it has to exist.

History, as Spencer Dinwiddie explained in a series of tweets outlining his proposal for a March Madness-style NBA tournament, usually holds the answers.

"The NBA went the opposite direction of college when it was struggling and instituted the merger [of the] ABA [and] NBA," he tweeted. "They concluded that fans weren't buying into teams and boring team basketball but had a higher likelihood of buying into a singular, high-flying, drama-filled storylines and that plotted this course." A long season allowed soapopera-style arcs-Bird vs. Magic, the singularity of JorA worker cleans the Wells Fargo Center after an NBA game between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Detroit Pistons, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in Philadelphia.

dan, the rise and redemption of LeBron James-to play out. "It became clickbaity and star/stat-driven," he continued. "It just took time for the internet to catch up with them and make the old style of consumption obsolete."

Dinwiddie also proposed a neutral game site. The NBA has never gone that route, even as fans follow players more than teams. The success of the Las Vegas Summer League, where fans make the pilgrimage from all over America to watch rookies that, for the most part, have not yet become stars, suggests it could be a success.

Since the 1967-68 season, when the league fielded 12 teams, teams have played 82 games. The amount of teams has since doubled and then some—alongside with the amount of games-yet shortening the season has never been a serious consideration, even as injury concerns pile up and alternative entertainment options have never been more abundant.

If the financial shortfalls the NBA is currently incurring alongside fizzling ratings and a loss of Chinese consumers continue, the NBA will have to ask a question it's always dreaded: Why 30 teams? There was a time, when the NBA risked extinction, that expansion had inherent value. Those days are over. Fans of smallmarket teams may not want to hear this, but losing a couple of franchises probably wouldn't be as bad for the NBA's health as it would be for optics.

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and Michelle Masga chipped in one aniece.

In the TanHoldings-MP United 1's one-sided match, Tamia Hix delivered four goals for the winning team, while Catherine Barroza, Rizza Relucio, and Judy Ann Andebor contributed two each. Ivan Claire Gozum scored the lone goal for MP United 1.

In the last match in the division, Megan Elayda and Elaine Enriques fired two foals each to lift Shirley's to the victory. Stephanie Lumbad, Bernadette Horey, and Jhaza Mirano added one apiece to complete Shirley's dominance of Kanoa.

MASTERS DIVISION Kanoa 3, Matansa 2

Over at the TSL Sports Complex, Kanoa edged Matansa last Sunday.

Merlie Tolentino handed Kanoa its second win in three games in the division after hitting the go-ahead goal in the 36th minute. She also made Kanoa's two other goals with the first one recorded in the sixth and the second two minutes later.

Ratree Fredrick and Valerie Hofschneider scored for Matansa with the latter posting the equalizer in the 34th minute and the former lighting up the board for their team in the 20th.

TanHoldings 3, **MP United 0**

TanHoldings barged into the win column after topping MP

Yoko Borja registered the two goals for TanHoldings, as she scored in the 16th and 21st minute, while Jessica Ortizo drew first blood for the team with her conversion in the 13th.

DIVISION A Kanoa 6, Shirley's 3

In the lone game in the division last Wednesday, Kanoa outclassed Shirley's to take the solo lead in the group.

Irish Pagarao logged two goals in Kanoa's second win in as many games, while Paulyn Joyce, Kristelle Itaas, Stephanie Flores, and Ericka Santiago chipped in one.

Jannah Casarino tallied two goals for Shirley's, while Marinel Falalimpa scored the other goal for the losing squad.

MJD

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the first quarter. The mobile big man also got a lot of help from his teammates, as seven other Apex players hit the board in the opening 10 minutes of play to give the squad the 16-point lead. Apex continued to run a

the break, 51-21. Despite the big advantage, Apex played no let up at the resumption of the match to pull away further, 72-40. Gio Dancel and Joseph Torres delivered

balance offense in the second

quarter, while JNL still strug-

gled with its shots, allowing

the former to widen the gap at

the killer blows for Apex, as they scored the team's first 14 points in the third period.

Dancel led five Apex players in double figures, as he finished with 12 markers—the same output Ronald Bernardo had. Andrew and Alex Lauron added 11 apiece while Torres contributed 10.

MASTERS DIVISION											
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Kanoa	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6				
MP United	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3				
TanHoldings	1	0	3	5	10	-5	6 3 3 3				
Matansa	1	0	2	5	11	-6	3				
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DIVISION A	A .										
Kanoa	2	0	0	10	4	6	6				
TanHoldings	1	0	1	7	5	2	3				
Shirley's	0	0	2	4	12	-8	0				
DIVIGION I											
DIVISION E		•	^	4.4	^	40	_				
TanHoldings	3	0	0	14	2	12	9				
Paire	2	0	1	9	2	/	6				
Shirley's	1	2	0	11	6	5	5				
MPU 1	1	1	1	13	13	0	4				
MPU 2	0	1	2	1	10	-9	1				
Vanaa	^	^	2	4	10	4.5	^				

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Woo then outclassed Song in the semis, 7-5, 6-2, while Schorr beat the former in the finals, 6-2, 6-1.

In the men's over 40 singles, Dong Min Lee nearly had a perfect run in the competition. He crushed John Bradley in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, and then dominated Il Kyu Hwang in the finals, 6-1, 6-0.

Before bowing to Lee, Hwang won over Edwin Simbulan, 5-7, 6-2, 11-9, and stunned No. 2 seed Gary Ramsey, 6-7, 6-2, 10-7. Bradley, on the other hand, prevailed against Wan Sun Lee, 6-0, 6-0, before losing to Dong Min Lee.

Meanwhile, Wang rounded out the singles champions list in the opening week of the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association-organized tournament after topping No. 2 seed Yuko Kumada, 6-2, 6-1.

Wang made it to the finals following a 6-0, 6-2 win over Ella Kim, who marched into the

semis after eliminating Julia Yoo, 7-5, 6-0, in one of the two matches at the upper half of the draw.

At the lower half, Kumada escaped with a 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 victory over Michelle Wang to set up the title match between the Top 2 seeds in the division.

The adults singles and a couple of doubles games were scheduled in Week 1, while the second and final week of the competition reserved for junior singles and doubles is suspended indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

hree favored players in the inaugural Bridge Capital Tennis Classic lived up to expectations after ruling their respective events last weekend at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.



Melvin Deocares, right, tries to protect the ball against JNL Corp.'s John Alvis during the third quarter of their game in the One Pacific caging at the Civic Center Court.

MJD, Apex rout opponents

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Apex Remittance and MJD Construction earned similar easy wins last week in the One Pacific Promotional Basketball League 2020 at the Civic Center Court.

Apex hammered JNL Corp., 89-58, while MJD pounded Hong Ye Hardware, 86-67.

MJD led from start to finish, increasing its lead as the game progressed en route to a 19-point winning margin.

Douglas Schmidt led MJD's second victory in as many games after exploding for 30 points. He had his best showing in the third period after scoring 12 points, 10 of them came in succession, to help MJD keep its double-digit advantage, 64-54, with only

one quarter left in the match. In the fourth canto,

Schmidt slowed down, as he made only two field goals, but MJD still walked away with the big winning margin with Errol Peredo and Preston Basa

stepping up. Peredo also finished in twin digits with his 13 markers, while Basa had 9-all of them came from the 3-point area.

Patrick Morales paced Hong Ye after drilling 14 points, while Kevin Leomo added 12.

In the second game, Apex jumped to a 24-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back to remain unbeaten after two games.

Apex took early control of the match after drawing 8 points from Josh Andrew in

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Robbie Schorr topped the men's open singles contest, while

Dong Min Lee and Hoo Wang, who were also seeded first in their group, won the men's over 40 and women's 3.0 singles events, respectively.

Schorr did not drop a single set in the eight-player field to clinch the division championship. He started his title bid with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Jeff Race and then defeated Moris Villanueva in straight sets, too, 6-1, 6-0, to bag the finals berth at the top half of the draw. Villanueva, before losing to Schorr, prevailed against Colin Ramsey, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2 seed Jimin Woo and Ken Song also needed only two sets to make it to the semifinals of the bottom half of the draw. Song downed Sean Lee, 7-6, 6-3, while Woo swept Malika Miyawaki, 6-0, 6-0.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Robbie Schorr, seen here getting ready for a backhand return during an earlier local tournament, clinched the men's open singles crown in the inaugural Bridge Capital Tennis Classic last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.



Easy wins in Dove Women's League



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TanHoldings Football Club's Jessica Ortizo, left, kicks the ball, while a Matansa Football Club defender attempts to block it during the second half of their Masters Division game in the 2020 Dove Women's Spring League early this month at the TSL Sports Complex.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Paire Football TanHold-Women's League ings Football Club, and Shirley's Foot-

ball Club eased past their respective opponents in Division B of the 2020 Dove Women's Spring League last week at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Paire saw action in the curtain-raiser and shut down MP United 2, 4-0, while Tan-Holdings whipped MP United 1 in the second game, 10-1. Shirley's completed the tripleheader last Wednesday when it blanked Kanoa, 7-0.

Shawna Brennfleck knocked in a pair of goals in Paire's easy win over MP United 2, while Lindsay Davis

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